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Around the Army**Fort Benning:**

The Bayonet reported Jan. 20 that about 200 residents in family housing hadn't signed leases with the new civilian housing management agency, Pinnacle Realty. Pinnacle assumed ownership of the housing Jan. 1 and on-post housing residents are required to pay rent in the form of their Basic Allowance for Housing.

Pinnacle's investment manager said even those without a lease owe the company money and that those who hadn't signed leases could do so at their neighborhood management office.

For more on this story and other Fort Benning, Ga., news, visit www.thebayonet.com on the Web.

Fort Knox:

The Turret reported Jan. 12 that Brig. Gen. Frank Helmick, formerly the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) assistant division commander for maneuver and now the senior military assistant to the secretary of defense, had been scheduled to be the keynote speaker for the Infantry Ball hosted by the National Infantry Association.

Helmick served as assistant division commander of the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky., when it went into combat in Iraq.

For more on this story and other Fort Knox, Ky., news, visit www.thenewstribune.com/turret on the Web.

Alaska:

The Alaska Post reported Jan. 6 that Fort Richardson Soldiers and family members owed the city of Anchorage, Alaska, about \$50,000 in unpaid tickets and fines. The U.S. Army Garrison commander had met with the city's chief of police to discuss how the two organizations could work together more closely on law enforcement and on other issues, including bar closing hours, drunk driving, drug use and gang violence.

Fines owed by residents on Fort Richardson ranged from \$10 to \$1,750.

For more on this story and other U.S. Army Alaska news, visit www.usarak.army.mil on the Web.

Hawaii:

The Hawaii Army Weekly reported Dec. 2 that the commanding general of the 25th Infantry Division and U.S. Army Hawaii had signed a training policy stating physical training standards for his Soldiers.

Those standards include completing a four-mile formation run in a unit no larger than a platoon within 36 minutes, complete six pull-ups from a dead hang with palms facing away, swim 15 meters while wearing load-bearing equipment, uniform and weapon and more.

For more on this story and other U.S. Army Alaska news, visit www.25id.army.mil on the Web.

Post scrambles to house Soldiers

*By Amanda Kim Stairrett
Staff writer*

Redeployments, unit activations and delayed deployments have anyone with their eye on the future of Fort Riley asking, "Where are all the Soldiers sup-

posed to go?"

Public Works' Business Operations and Master Planning Division had a plan for housing Soldiers in barracks before Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld announced in late December that the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, wouldn't deploy to Iraq as

an entire brigade. Instead portions of the brigade will be called up later in 2006 to train the Iraqi Army and provide security in Iraq, Brigade Commander Col. Bart Howard said Dec. 29 during a press conference at Fort Riley. The original was "a very complicated plan in the first place,"

said Mike Goreham, chief of the Business Operations and Master Planning Division.

Reserve components would be moved from the six "Rolling Pin" barracks they occupied on Custer Hill to Camp Funston. The reserve component Soldiers were those on medical hold or who

were at Fort Riley for mobilization, demobilization or annual training.

That would free up buildings that would be renovated in time for the 1st Bde.'s redeployment in a year. Because 1st Bde. didn't

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Just point!

*4th IBCT Photo/Champagne*

Sgt. Lucas Horn of HHC, 4th IBCT, fires a BB gun at a tossed target as part of the instinctive shooting taught by James Rutland (left front) to the brigade's noncommissioned officer leaders Jan. 18 and 19.

Training sharpens marksmanship

*By Mike Heronemus
Editor*

Give a first sergeant or sergeant major in the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team a BB gun and he can hit tiny targets on the fly without even looking through the gun's sights.

It's easy, it's surprising, it's effective ... it's instinctive shooting, said 4th IBCT Command Sgt. Maj. Jim Champagne.

Champagne first experienced instinctive shooting training while with the 82nd Air-

borne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C., in July 2005. He brought that training to his senior noncommissioned officers at Fort Riley Jan. 18 and 19 during a session at Nichol Barracks at the Kansas Air National Guard's Smoky Hill practice range near Salina, Kan.

Forty-four of the 4th IBCT senior NCOs took the training.

First Sgt. Todd Ziegler of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry, has been in the Army for 19 years and had never done that kind of

training. He sat in the command sergeant major's office Jan. 31 and admitted he was skeptical about training with BB guns.

He came away from the two-day session convinced it was "very effective" training. "It works," he said.

The whole point of instinctive shooting is for the Soldier to rely on his subconscious ability to point at a target and be right on the mark without having to use a weapon's sights.

The first day of training, the NCOs used

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Post seeks buffer zone

Residents get offer's details on land use

*By Amanda Kim Stairrett
Staff writer*

On one hand, Col. Ty Smith, Fort Riley garrison commander, prefers that development be limited in areas earmarked for the Army Compatible Use Buffer Zone.

On the other hand, "I need houses for my Soldiers," he said Jan. 27 while discussing the proposed buffer zone at Riley's Conference Center.

Fort Riley officials predict the area will be short 5,900 housing units, said Jeff Keating, Fort Riley ACUB program manager.

"This housing pressure is going to intensify the encroachment concerns that were already existing," he said.

Encroachment refers to building developments sprouting up nearer and nearer Fort Riley's boundaries. If an ACUB zone is established around Fort Riley, areas that could not be used for any sort of development that would be incompatible with the military mission, such as noise, broadcast of radio frequencies and in some cases even lighting. More than 70 residents from the Fort Riley vicinity attended the discussion to hear Smith, Keating and RoxAnne Miller, Kansas Land Trust executive director, outline the ACUB project.

Smith said the next five years of growth could bring more noise issues with increased military training taking place. He said Fort Riley wanted to be a good steward of the land and a good neighbor.

The implementation of the pro-

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Training casualty honored

Service pays tribute to 'respected' Soldier

*By Anna Morelock
Staff writer***Pfc. Donald Eugene Compton**

Born May 8, 1985, in Hardinsburg, Ky.

Enlisted in the Army as an infantryman Dec. 6, 2004.

Attended Basic and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benning, Ga.

He was assigned to Company A, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, in March 2005.

Died Jan. 25, 2006, in a training accident on post.

Compton's awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal and Good Conduct Medal awarded posthumously, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.

Pfc. Donald Eugene Compton, Jr. was called "Sgt. Maj." Compton by many of his peers, said Lt. Col. Frank Zachar, commander of 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, during a memorial service in Compton's honor Jan. 31 at Morris Hill Chapel.

"That's respect," he said.

The 20-year-old M249 gunner for 1st Bn., 16th Inf., was remembered as a rare friend and a true

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The traditional tribute to a fallen Soldier - empty boots, a weapon and an empty helmet - adorn the altar area of the Morris Hill Chapel for a memorial service honoring Pfc. Donald Compton Jan. 31.

Post/Morelock



Home, sweet,

**Exterior entrance (left)**

Built: 1970s. Used to be Rolling Pin barracks. Modernized in late 1990s.

Number on post: Three

Type of rooms: Interim "1+1," which was the standard used while the Army developed the current "1+1" standard. Each two-person room has built-in closets and a bathroom.

Soldiers: MEDDAC Soldiers live in one located behind Irwin Army Community Hospital, 4th Bde. Soldiers and military police each live in one.

Future: no changes

**MEDDAC barracks (right)**

Barracks

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deploy as scheduled, Goreham said contractors are making necessary, "just in time" repairs to buildings instead of more extensive renovations.

"We're just really scrambling to get everything done," he said.

Some of the buildings due for major repairs have already been funded, many in the million-dollar range.

"It is now put on hold until the barracks (residency) strength actually goes down and we can get to those buildings," Goreham said.

He has worked at Fort Riley since 1989 and has never seen a situation like this.

Most installations are having housing problems, but Fort Riley's is unique, Goreham said.

"We had a fairly detailed plan to get this done and then with the 1st Bde. deployment delayed, it is really putting us in a crunch," he said.

Every Soldier will have a place to stay, he said emphatically. It will be the same places the Soldiers were staying before they deployed, he added. The barracks won't be worse than what Soldiers left, but unfortunately it won't be better than what they left, he added.

"It would have been nice to have made an improvement while they were gone. We just didn't get those improvements done," he said.

More than 600 barracks spaces are under construction and about 300 spaces are being repaired, Goreham said. Fort Riley has 5,900 spaces, and by the end of January, 4,840 Soldiers were occupying those barracks.

"So, you're looking at that going, 'Hm, 5,900 barracks spaces total and only about 5,000 Soldiers living in the barracks. Doesn't that mean there are 1,000 extra rooms?'" he said, indicating the high degree of confusion surrounding assignment of barracks to units in the current situation.

Just hours before 4th Bde. Soldiers were to occupy Building 7846, Bill Baronda and Derek Summers were hurriedly moving mattresses, bunk beds, wardrobes and side tables into the third floor rooms. It's not usually that close, said Ken Olson of the Furniture Management Office on post. The Furniture Management Office is a division of Fort Riley's Direc-



torate of Public Works. Baronda and Summers work for a Herington-based government contractor, Baronda Supplies and Service, Inc.

The new furniture going in was intended for Building 7816, but 7846 was ready. Olson said he was first told to fill the partially renovated building with old furniture.

No one considers how much work must still be done to a building after renovations and construction is completed, Olson said. An empty room is useless; it must be furnished. He said his crews have been working relentlessly for two months to keep their heads above water.

"It's the only way we're going to stay on top of it," he said.

Typically the Furniture Management Office has 10 days to move furniture in after a contrac-

tor completes a building, Goreham said. Public Works then turns the building over to a unit.

"Right now, we're not having that luxury," he said.

It is possible that while Soldiers are in-processing at the hangar upon return from Iraq, crews will be moving furniture into their rooms.

"It's going to be really close," he said.

A unit's placement into barracks depends on its brigade footprints. Brigade footprints are the areas in which a Soldier's barracks, company, motor pool and dining facilities are contained.

Goreham said the department tries to keep the brigade's area in as compact a footprint as possible to cut down on automobile traffic and to make it easier for the Soldier's to get from one area to another.

While officials try to condense brigade footprints, it doesn't always work perfectly. Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, who are part of the 3rd Bde, were placed in a 312-person building—a new "1+1" barracks—when they returned from Iraq in summer 2005. It was in the area that was going to become the 3rd Bde. footprint, complete with its motor pools and barracks.

Soldiers of the 1st Bde. were scheduled to deploy in late 2005, but when that didn't happen, they stayed in the barracks where 3rd Bde.'s Soldiers were going to be housed upon their return.

Because the 1st Bde. deployment was delayed and later altered even more, 3rd Bde. is being placed in what would have belonged to 1st Bde. upon their return next year. First Bde. Soldiers would have returned to new "1+1" barracks spaces under construction now and scheduled for completion sometime from August to October 2006.

Soldiers of the 1st Bde. are the primary residents of the new "1+1" barracks. The 1st Bn. 41st Inf., Soldiers still live in the new barracks.

A portion of the spaces also house support units that were attached to the 937th Engineer Group before it inactivated, Gore-

ham said.

Third Bde. Soldiers will get 1,750 barracks spaces when they are fully redeployed. The brigade's geographic bachelors and sponsored Soldiers will get barracks rooms at first but will eventually be encouraged to move into off-post housing.

Geographic bachelors are Soldiers who are married but whose spouses have not relocated to Fort Riley. Sponsored Soldiers are those who have dependents but are not married any longer.

Goreham said that if the geographic bachelors and sponsored Soldiers stay in the barracks, rooms will be provided as space is available. "That means that they'll literally only get their (regulated) 90 square feet of living space," he said.

About 1,062 4th Bde. Soldiers are already stationed at Fort Riley, Col. Ricky Gibbs, 4th Bde. Commander, said Jan. 26. Those Soldiers are getting spaces in the interim "1+1" modular barracks in the 8000-area of Custer Hill, and in the "2+2" rooms in the "Rolling Pins."

Goreham said 1,357 barracks spaces were reserved for 4th Bde. Soldiers.

A barracks building housing medical hold Soldiers is first on the updated renovation list. The work will begin in mid-February, Goreham said.

The med hold Soldiers will move into relocatable buildings at Camp Whiteside, an area between Main Post and Camp Funston and southeast of Custer Hill. Those spaces will be "2+2+2" rooms, which means three two-person rooms will share a kitchenette and bathroom.

Relocatable buildings are going up in Camp Funston as a temporary solution for housing Soldiers and office space, but not as permanent party barracks.

The buildings are transported to Fort Riley in sections and look similar to a modular or mobile home. Reserve Soldiers visiting Fort Riley for annual training and mobilization will occupy those buildings, Goreham said.

The relocatable barracks contain four-man rooms. Eight four-man rooms share two small gang latrines. About 1,000 of those spaces will be available to house Soldiers.

The primary concern for Gore-

ham is that Soldiers are getting placed in barracks where Public Works should have completed renovation projects. Some "White Elephants" and "Rolling Pins" have plumbing problems, such as leaking water lines, drain lines that clog easily and inefficient heating and ventilating systems.

The air systems lack enough make-up air or replacement air, which causes humidity buildup, Goreham said. This, in turn, causes mold and fungus growth.

"We're trying to get that under control and eliminated, too," he said.

Since it was initially disrupted, Goreham said the department's barracks plan adjusts almost every week, or at least seems like it. The plans aren't solely based on decisions the Army makes, either. Plans are adjusted as contractors' completion dates change.

"We'd love to be able to project exactly when a construction project is going to get done but we don't do a very good job," Goreham said. "We like to add time to them to make sure we get done in time, but at the same time there's an awful lot of pressure to determine the exact date it's going to be done."

For the most part, contractors working on renovations in the barracks are getting their projects done early and turning the buildings back over to Public Works early, Goreham said.

The speed of new barracks construction is harder to pinpoint. It is harder to bring a lot of labor onto post because access is more restricted to Fort Riley than at a regular construction site.

A limited labor pool in the areas surrounding Fort Riley is also a hurdle for the department. Labor often has to come in from the Kansas City area or further, Goreham explained.

While the old barracks plan may be on the scrap heap, Goreham said his department is making adjustments to the plan "on the fly."

"Every Soldier that needs a barracks space will have a barracks space," he said. "Even if it means we are still putting the furniture in the room as the Soldier arrives to move in."

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Spec. Joseph Rinehart (left) and Staff Sgt. Gerald Bright move office furniture into a first-floor room in Building 7846 Jan. 11. Bright and Rinehart are Soldiers in Co. F, 610th BSB, 4th IBCT, 1st Inf. Div.

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Soldier home



Historic barracks

Built: 1890s and early 1900s. Modernized from 2001 to 2003.
Number on post: Seven
Type of rooms: Modified "1+1"
Soldiers: Military police, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) and USAG
Future: No change.



Rolling Pins

Built: 1970s
Number on post: 13
Type of rooms: 13 buildings have two-person rooms that share a gang bathroom (20 to 30 Soldiers share).
Soldiers: Mostly 3rd Bde., some 4th Bde.
Future: These will be replaced with "1+1" barracks, which may take 10 years before all of them are replaced.

Upgraded Rolling Pins

Built: 1970s
Number on post: Three
Type of rooms: "2+2," which means two two-person rooms that share one bathroom (four Soldiers share).
Soldiers: 4th Bde.
Future: These will be renovated to one-person rooms.



New barracks

Built: Construction started in 1996.
Number on post: 15, which range in capacity from 48 to 156 Soldier spaces.
Type of rooms: "1+1"
Soldiers: 3rd Bde. has some of the spaces, but they are mostly occupied by 1st Bde. Soldiers.
Future: 624 spaces under construction and scheduled for completion sometime in August to October 2006. Of those spaces, 312 will go to 3rd Bde. and 312 will go to 4th Bde.

Total housing for single Soldiers:

2,460 two-person gang latrine spaces in white elephants and rolling pins.

504 "2+2" spaces in rolling pins.

1,628 "1+1" spaces in the new or renovated barracks.

275 interim "1+1" spaces in exterior entrance, MEDDAC and historic barracks.

368 "1+1" spaces in historic barracks.

5,235 total inhabitable spaces.

624 "1+1" spaces are under construction and are expected to be completed between August and October 2006

5,859 total spaces



White Elephants or H-type barracks

Built: 1958
Number on post: Four. Two have window air conditioning units that were part of a \$4 million effort to extend their lives by five to six years.
Type of rooms: 2-person rooms, gang bathrooms.
Soldiers: 1st Bde. Soldiers live in two, 3rd Bde. Soldiers live in the two that were renovated.
Future: The two that weren't repaired were scheduled to be torn down in November 2005. That has been extended to August or September 2006. The other two will be replaced with "1+1" barracks, which means two Soldiers have individual rooms but share a bathroom and kitchenette.



Modular barracks or BBAs

Built: 1978, modernized in late 1990s
Number on post: 13
Type of rooms: Modified "1+1." The rooms had to be modified to meet the restrictions of the existing buildings. About one-third of the rooms are private rooms with private bathrooms and kitchenettes. The remaining two-thirds are two private rooms that share a bathroom and kitchenette.
Soldiers: Corps Support Units in the 541st CSSB and some 4th Bde.
Future: No changes planned.

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4th IBCT/Champagne

Instinctive shooting trainer James Rutland throws clay pigeons for 1st Sgt. James Fales of Co. C, 610th BSB, on the second day of training near Salina, Kan. Fales was using a shot-gun commonly used by Soldiers in close urban operations.

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\$28 BB guns specially bought by Fort Riley's Training Support Center to support the instinctive shooting training 4th IBCT's command sergeant major had planned. The 50 BB guns are available for units to use to conduct instinctive shooting training.

That's what the 4th IBCT senior NCOs will be doing — training what they learned to other Soldiers in their units.

At Nichol Barracks, the NCOs shouldered the BB guns to learn how to shoot at flying targets without taking aim. First Sgt. Rick Carullo of Company A, 610th Brigade Support Battalion, said he was hitting targets in no time after trusting that he was

pointing the BB gun at the right spot just by keeping his eye on the target.

At first, Carullo hit only one of five whistle balls thrown into the air about 6 to 10 feet in front of him. He improved to hitting all three balls thrown one at a time.

When the target got smaller, Carullo kept hitting what he was looking at. His BBs hit four of the five ping pong balls thrown in front of him. "After the first day, I was hitting everything I was aiming at," he said.

Champagne insisted the accuracy was no fluke. At Fort Bragg, he said several Soldiers, including himself, eventually could hit BBs in the air with another BB. "The BB is the poor man's tracer round," he explained. "You can watch the BB's trajectory and see it hit."

So, what's the value in NCOs learning how to shoot a BB gun accurately?

Instinctive shooting translates very smoothly to reflexive firing, Champagne said.

That's what Soldiers in Iraq often have to do, Carullo added. "You don't have time to aim through the sights."

Today's reflexive firing training uses stationary targets, and the enemy doesn't stand still, so instinctive shooting training prepares the Soldier to shoot at moving targets, Champagne added.

The 4th IBCT NCOs applied their instinctive shooting training the second day, firing shotguns at tossed clay pigeons. Some of the shooting started with the NCO's back turned down range. A pigeon was tossed and the NCO whirled at the command of "Go" to locate and shoot at the flying target some 25 meters away.

Champagne said he's seen positive marksmanship results after Soldiers completed the instinctive shooting training. On average, he

Instinctive shooting

Instinctive shooting is an improved version of the "Quick Kill" system Soldiers learned and used during the Vietnam War. It allows a Soldier to fire quickly and accurately at fleeting enemy targets.

James Rutland of Box Springs, Ga., is an expert instinctive shooting trainer; and he conducted the training for the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team non-commissioned officer leaders Jan. 18 and 19 at Nichol Barracks near Salina, Kan.

Rutland coaches Soldiers to focus on the target only, to never take their eyes off the target, look at a specific spot to ensure they hit the target (the "belly button" spot will result in a hit right above it and a spot at six o'clock on a ground target will hit the target just above the spot), to trust themselves and, above all else, to remember to focus only on the target.

said, Soldiers firing the M-16 rifle or M-4 carbine hit about 50 percent of their stationary targets at 10 meters. After Soldiers train in instinctive shooting, averages go up to about 116 of 120 targets at the same distance, he said.

The result of the 4th IBCT training should be improved marksmanship with a very cost effective method of achieving that goal, Champagne said. "And, you don't need a firing range to shoot BB guns," he added.



4th IBCT/Champagne

1st Sgt. Thomas Pendleton of Co. A, 2nd Bn., 16th Inf., loads a BB gun for the first day of instinctive shooting training for 4th IBCT non-commissioned officers.

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Soldier.

"Everyone knew his name," said Sgt. 1st Class Paul Brightwell, Compton's platoon sergeant. "He stood a mere 5-foot, 4 inches," but he had the spirit, the heart, the courage and the presence of a man 10 times his size."

Compton loved to train and help other Soldiers train, Zachar said. He helped keep his platoon motivated and was even daunting

to some of his peers.

"He wouldn't let them sham," Zachar said.

He remembered Compton being one of the last Soldiers off the range the day he was killed at Fort Riley. When Zachar asked if he was fired up about the training, Compton replied, "Hooah, sir."

"It wasn't false bravado," Zachar remembered. "It was the real thing."

"Pfc. Compton became the inspiration for a platoon that was in constant change of leadership," Brightwell said. "Pfc. Compton, you will forever be the driving force of 1st Platoon... you will always be an 'Iron Ranger' and you will never be forgotten."

Compton is survived by his father, Donald Eugene Compton Sr., his mother, Tammy Compton, and his sister, Sarah Compton.

11 Soldiers, 1 civilian end long careers with military

Staff report

Ten Soldiers and a Department of the Army civilian with a combined total of more than 249 years of service were honored at a retirement ceremony Jan. 25 at Riley's Conference Center.

First Sgt. Craig Alan Pennington, a member of D Troop, 4th Cavalry, retires after 20 years of service. Pennington served in Louisiana, Florida, Ohio, Kentucky, Arkansas, North Carolina and Kansas during his career. His combat experience includes a tour in Panama and a tour to Iraq.

Pennington and his wife, Wanda, plan to live in Mount Ayr, Iowa, where he plans to work for Sickles Construction. The couple has three children, Alan, Amanda and Rebecca.

First Sgt. Roger Dean Combs of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, retires after 22 years of service. Combs served in Colorado, Missouri, Kansas and twice in Germany. His combat experience includes a tour to Iraq.

Combs and his wife, Tina, plan to live in Germany, where he plans to continue his education and work as a government employee. The couple has one child, Elissa.

Master Sgt. Virgil A. Toombs Jr. of HHD, 541st CSSB, retires after almost 24 years of service. Toombs served in California, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Kansas, Hawaii and Germany. His combat experience includes a tour to Iraq.

Toombs and his wife, Shane, plan to live in Abilene, Kan., where he plans to be a rancher. The couple has four children, Ta'Shara, Brittany, Chris and Grace.

Master Sgt. Ronald S. Nelms of Medical Department Activity

retires after 21 years of service. He served in Louisiana, North Carolina, Texas, Illinois, Kansas, Alaska and Hawaii.

Nelms and his wife, Rosalind, also plan to live in Abilene, where he plans to help out more around the house, stay healthy and live a simple life. The couple has two children, Tiffany and Travis.

Sgt. 1st Class James R. Blecha of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, retires after 21 years of service. He has served in Washington, Iowa, Georgia, Kentucky, Kansas and Germany. Blecha plans to live in Junction City, where he will help his wife, Vicki, run the family business, Junction City Floral. The couple has four children, Matthew, Misty, Jimmy and James and four grandchildren.

Sgt. 1st Class Ronald S. Knight of MEDDAC retires after 24 years of service. Knight served in Texas, Montana, Colorado, Oklahoma, Washington, Kansas, Germany, Croatia and Haiti. His combat experience includes tours to Haiti, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

Knight and his wife, Wendy, plan to live in Milford, Kan., or Steamboat Springs, Colo., where he wants to continue his education, spend more time with his family and remodel their home. The couple has two children, Joshua and Jennifer.

Sgt. 1st Class Dave Broughton of the 596th Signal Company retires after 22 years of service. Broughton served in Washington, Kansas and Germany.

He and his wife, Sonya, plan to live in Junction City, Kan. Broughton plans to perform contract work overseas. The couple has three children, David, Shavonne and Jawaun.

Sgt. 1st Class Douglas L. Hoyle of Headquarters and Head-

quarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, retires after 21 years of service. Hoyle served in Texas, Georgia, Kentucky, Kansas and Germany. His combat experience includes a tour in support of Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Hoyle and his wife, Mary, also plan to live in Junction City. He plans to do civilian maintenance on Fort Riley. The couple has three children, Brittany, Melissa and Trevor.

Staff Sgt. Rodney C. Kingsberry of 24th Transportation Company retires after 20 years of service. Kingsberry served in North Carolina, Georgia, Texas, Virginia, Kansas and Hawaii. His combat experience includes tours to Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

Kingsberry plans to live in Burlington, N.C., where he plans to work in federal civil service. He has three children, Lamoyia, Rodney Jr. and Tre.

Staff Sgt. Douglas Edward Mireau Jr. of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 101st Forward Support Battalion, retires after 20 years of service. He has served in Kansas, Texas, Washington, Germany and South Korea. His combat experience includes a tour to Iraq.

Mireau and his wife, Laura, plan to live in Wakefield, Kan., where he plans to work with KBR.

James E. Moore retired after more than 35 years of service with the federal government. He has worked for the Provost Marshal's Office, the Riley County Police Department and served 20 years in the U.S. Army. Moore served with the Army in Texas, Georgia, Kentucky, Kansas and Germany. His combat experience includes the Vietnam War.

Moore plans to travel during his retirement.

Infantry unit re-enlists 30+

Staff report

More than 30 Soldiers in 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, stood on the stage at Heritage Park in Junction City, Kan., Feb. 1, raised their hands at 2:30 p.m. and repeated the oath of enlistment.

Heritage Park contains monuments honoring the 1st Infantry Division, fallen Soldiers of the Vietnam War and Fort Riley Soldiers killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Staff Sgt. Jesus Lopez-Velez, battalion career counselor, said it was the largest number of battalion Soldiers to re-enlist at one time. The re-enlistees included Soldiers ranking from specialist to

staff sergeant, including Lopez-Velez.

Most of the Soldiers opted to enlist to take advantage of a "kicker" bonus that would be added to their normal bonus, as well as for present duty assignment and college options offered by Fort Riley and the Army, Lopez-Velez said.

He had no total figure on the bonus amount that would be paid because each Soldier's would be different according to his or her job specialty, enlistment commitment and tax bracket.

But, the "kicker" bonus offered Soldiers with more than six years of service a cap of \$22,500 before taxes and Soldiers with less than

six years of service a cap of \$17,500.

A few Soldiers who re-enlisted did not get monetary bonuses, Lopez-Velez said, but took college options instead.

One option is offered by Fort Riley. A Soldier who re-enlists for stabilization at Fort Riley can get time to attend up to 50 semester hours of college courses taught within a 100-mile radius of the post.

Another option offered by the Army is eArmyU, which provides Soldiers with a laptop computer so they can take college classes online. Some of the battalion's Soldiers re-enlisted for that option, Lopez-Velez said.

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Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

Plans are under way to bring the summer college baseball team, the JC Generals, and a minor league hockey team to Junction City. Do you think they will be successful?



"This is a sports fan area. I like baseball, and when the Penguins are doing good, I like them, too. I think it would be profitable for them. This place is growing."

Sgt. 1st Class Lisa Bennett
Dining facility manager
HHC, 125th Forward Support Bn.
Home: Pittsburgh, Pa.



"I think AAA baseball would draw in Soldiers on weekends and draw revenue for the city. I think it would be successful and good entertainment. I'm a sports fan, and I think it would draw people."

2nd Lt. Melissa Brasko
Platoon leader
Co. F, 610th Brigade Support Bn.
Home: Merced, Calif.



"I think they would be great things to have here. There needs to be more things for kids to do. I think the community has to give it a chance. The city needs to concentrate on things that interest youth."

Jennifer Hornbaker
Spouse of National Guardsman
Commissary stocker
Home: Schweinfurt, Germany



"It would be good for the teams because Fort Riley is here. I think a lot of Soldiers would like to go to games. Also, it's something positive for families to do."

Spc. Lance Kinninger
Armor crewman
Co. C, 1st Battalion, 13th Armor
Home: Moreno Valley, Calif.



"It makes a difference whether they're A, AA or AAA teams. I think the A or AA would have a chance because they're the true minor leagues. AAA is next to professional. Where I'm from, there's hockey, so I would go see games."

2nd Lt. Aaron Willis
Executive officer
Co. F, 610th BSB
Home: Columbus, Ohio

Next week's question:

What is your impression of how area businesses treat Soldiers and military families?

Opinions may be e-mailed to the editor at mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil or faxed to the editor at 239-2592. Opinions must reach the editor by close of business Tuesdays to appear in the following Friday's paper.

By David A. Fournier
Legal assistance attorney

Among issues legal assistance attorneys frequently encounter are questions about division of military retirement pay between a retired servicemember and a former spouse. The Uniformed Services Former Spouses Protection Act allows a state court to divide retirement pay as part of a divorce, under certain circumstances, and allows some former spouses to receive medical care and other benefits.

If the marriage qualifies under USFSPA, the former spouse can receive their portion of the retirement payment directly from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

For USFSPA to apply, the servicemember must be qualified for retirement from active or reserve military duty with at least 20 years of service.

In addition, the former spouse must have been married to the servicemember for at least 10 years, and at least 10 years of the marriage must have been during qualifying military service, for DFAS to authorize direct payment. This is typically called the 20/10/10 rule.

Only a retiree's "disposable retired pay" can be divided under USFSPA. Any payment from the



Capt. David Fournier

Veteran's Administration to the retired servicemember for disability is exempt from division, even though the disability payment substitutes for retirement pay.

Also exempt is any part of the retired servicemember's retirement pay that goes to repay debt or fines to DFAS, any portion that the servicemember forfeits by collecting pay for government employment and any money paid for premiums to a Survivor Benefit Plan.

Here is an example: Fred, a retired noncommissioned officer, is considered 30 percent disabled by the Veteran's Administration. Fred receives total monthly benefits of \$2,000 of which 30 percent (\$600) is disability pay.

Fred's former wife, Wilma, negotiated a property settlement that includes one-half of Fred's retirement pay. Only the \$1,400 that makes up Fred's disposable retirement pay can be divided by the court.

Wilma can ask DFAS to directly send her a check for \$700 per month. The retirement benefit is taxable income, so Wilma then must claim the \$700 per month when she files her taxes.

Division of retirement pay under USFSPA is not automatic. A court with proper jurisdiction must issue a written court order as part of a property settlement or divorce judgment before DFAS will agree to make payments under USFSPA.

The former spouse must then make an application to DFAS with a DD Form 2293 and a certified copy of the court order. Because property settlements are typically the result of negotiation, a spouse can agree to give up their right to divided retirement pay and choose to receive other property through the divorce.

Also, because property settlements usually cannot be reopened after a divorce is final, a division of retirement pay (or waiver of those rights) cannot be modified by the court at a later date.

Other limits to USFSPA exist. While every U.S. state has created laws to allow for division of retired pay, Puerto Rican law specifically prohibits it.

Also, some state courts will

award an amount greater than half of the retiree's pay to a former spouse.

Under USFSPA, only 50 percent of the disposable retired pay can be directly paid to the former spouse by DFAS. Any amount beyond 50 percent must be enforced by the court deciding the case.

While death or remarriage of the retiree will not end benefits to the former spouse, those benefits do end upon death or remarriage of the former spouse.

Other benefits exist for former spouses under USFSPA.

A former spouse who overlaps 15 years of marriage with 15 years of military service will also qualify for two years of transitional health care. If the former spouse overlaps 20 years of marriage with 20 years of military service, the former spouse will be entitled to full medical benefits, commissary and PX privileges.

Members of Fort Riley's Legal Assistance Office are available to answer questions and provide legal services to active and retired servicemembers, their family members and members of the reserve forces while on active duty.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 239-3117.

Command viewpoint

Chiefs continually examine tour lengths

Editor's note: In the Jan. 12 Post, we asked people at Fort Riley what they thought the tour of duty in Iraq should be for Soldiers. The following remarks were made by Marine Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Jan. 3 and reported in an article written by Jim Garamone of the American Forces Press Service.

The service chiefs continue to examine how long servicemembers should serve in Iraq, but for now we are satisfied the tour lengths are about right. That decision comes after the service chiefs have examined the policy carefully over the past two years.

Iraq tour lengths are different among the services. Airmen generally are deployed for four months. Marines and Sailors serve about seven months. Soldiers generally spend a year with boots on the ground.

I haven't heard complaints about tour lengths from the troops, but I have been apprised of concerns. It boils down to the way that

each service employs its force and how best then to assure that they get the most out of the people they have.

For example, the Marine Corps is tied to Navy ship deployments, and that drives their six- or seven-month deployment.

When the Marines do the math, they figure they can get the most out of Pfc. Pace in six- or seven-month deployments inside a normal four-year commitment.

For the Army, with brigade rotations and the heavy commitment of reserve component forces, officials deemed a year was the proper length of service.

The Air Force works with a lot of guardsmen and reservists blended into their units. So, as they look at it, a four-month rotation works very well."

The differing tour lengths are confusing and frustrating to those on the ground. In Washington, it makes sense for each of the services to be doing what they are doing, but that doesn't mean we won't keep looking at the situation.



Gen. Peter Pace

Next week's Post will include two letters from readers. The Post encourages readers to write and express their opinions. Letters must not contain libelous remarks and should address issues of interest to Soldiers and military family members.

Grunt By Wayne Udden



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What are your concerns or suggestions for improvement?

Your name (optional) and phone number (if you would like to talk about your ideas): _____



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Correction

A veteran Soldier, Ralph Jones of Ohio, pointed out to the Post that the artillery shell presented to Lt. Col. Gregory Gadsdon Jan. 12 was "a restored identical round of the first 175mm artillery round fired in Vietnam." The Post regrets its mistake in stating it was the first round fired in that war.

Commander sets address

Col. Thomas Smith, U.S. Army Garrison commander at Fort Riley, will address the post's civilian workforce at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Feb. 10 in Barlow Theater. The address will cover information of interest to all civilian employees.

Employees must attend only one of the sessions.

Museum seeks medal recipients

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor is under construction in New York's Hudson River Valley at the New Windsor Cantonment State Historic Site. Its mission is to collect and preserve the stories of Purple Heart recipients from all branches of the service and across the generations in an attempt to ensure that all recipients are represented. Their stories will be preserved and shared through exhibits, live and videotaped interviews with the veterans themselves and the Roll of Honor, an interactive computer program preserving the stories of each individual.

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor is the first in the nation to recognize the more than 800,000 Americans wounded or killed in action while serving in the U.S. military. For more information or to have your story preserved as a Purple Heart recipient, write Michael J. Clark, Project Coordinator at National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, New Windsor Cantonment State Historic Site, P.O. Box 207 (374 Temple Hill Road), Vails Gate, NY 12584-0207, phone (845) 561-1765, or send e-mail to mailto:michael.clark@oprhp.state.ny.us.

Blood drive set for February

The next American Red Cross blood drive at Fort Riley will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 14 and 15 at Riley's Conference Center. The goal is to collect 50 units of blood each day.

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Enlisted advisor shares leader insights

By Sean P. Houlihan
AFPS

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii — Responsibility, authority, accountability and assistance are the four things all service members are looking for in their leaders, the senior enlisted advisor to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said while visiting Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, Dec. 16.

"Regardless of service, each one of us is looking for these four items out of our leaders," Army Command Sgt. Maj. William "Joe" Gainey told senior noncommissioned officers from across Headquarters Air Force Pacific Command.

"And as leaders you must ensure that that each of you does that," Gainey said. "You owe it to them."

Senior NCOs have a responsibility to coach and mentor junior servicemembers as they develop their own leadership skills, he said. "You will throw them a rope and assist them up the hill. They will fall, and when they do, you must tug on the rope to stand them back up," he said.



ANS/Houlihan
Army Command Sgt. Maj. William J. Gainey (right front), senior enlisted advisor to the chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, listens to Sailors aboard the USS Honolulu on Dec. 16. with them as well.

"Once they have arrived on the top of the hill, dust them off, shake their hand and, as a leader, you will head down the other side of the hill," Gainey continued. "Why? Because, as a leader, your

work is done and the futures of our services are in capable hands."

The sergeant major explained how he works with senior enlisted advisors to the services and the

combatant commands as the eyes and ears of Marine Corps Gen. Peter Pace, the top U.S. military officer.

While working to strengthen these NCO relationships, Gainey said he also focuses on improving the Joint Staff Joint Enlisted Professional Military Education, safety throughout the force and quality of life for servicemembers and their families.

To help him accomplish these goals, Gainey travels to combatant commands to meet enlisted members and officers and learn firsthand about their priorities and concerns. To date, he has visited four combatant command headquarters.

"When I am out traveling, being an integrator, seeing things that one service is doing that could be good for the others," he said, "I will bring that back to the five service senior enlisted advisors to see how we can incorporate it across the board."

Gainey told the group that he knows the importance of the military service family and has strong military ties throughout his family.

His son, Army 1st Lt. Ryan J.

Gainey, is stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., and served in Iraq. His stepfather, who he said he considers his father, is a former Marine, and a nephew is an Air Force captain at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. In addition, a cousin who served in the Navy is a Medal of Honor recipient. Gainey jokingly vowed to have a niece or nephew join the Coast Guard before he leaves office.

During his Pacific visit, Gainey received mission briefings on Pacific Air Force and the George C. Kenney Warfighting Headquarters and met with Airmen at the Pacific Air Operations Center Combat Operations Division.

Earlier in the day, Gainey spent time with Sailors assigned to the Pacific Fleet. He toured USS Lake Erie and USS Honolulu and shared lunch with crewmembers of the Honolulu, a Los Angeles class fast-attack submarine.

Gainey was in Hawaii for the first U.S. Pacific Command Senior Enlisted Leader conference Dec. 14 and 15, where he addressed the leaders. More than 100 senior NCOs filling enlisted leadership positions across the command attended.

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gram will not expand Fort Riley; it will not create more training land, and the Army will not own the land. Instead, Fort Riley will enter a cooperative agreement with Kansas Land Trust and pay landowners for their deeded interest. Kansas Land Trust will hold the deeded interest, not the Army. The landowners will own the land but won't be allowed to build on it. They can continue using it for military-compatible uses, such as farming and grazing.

The undeveloped land will create a buffer zone around Fort Riley that will help alleviate encroachment issues the post would encounter as its population increases. Manhattan's westward expansion along Anderson Avenue and Scenic Drive, country homes south and west of post in Geary County and housing development in the Riley area are areas where Fort Riley officials are noticing this problem, Keating said.

Creation of the zone will ward off problems before they get out of hand, Keating said. The biggest issues will arise from an increase in noise, smoke and dust because of troop training. The arrival of a combat aviation brigade and its fleet of 110 to 120 helicopters will increase the noise in the area. That fleet will include Chinook helicopters, which create more noise than the Black Hawks at Fort Riley now.

Landowners are not required to enter into an agreement; it is voluntary.

Fort Riley and Kansas Land Trust are still in preliminary stages of the ACUB process. The Army was allotted a portion of the \$37 million Congress approved for the buffer zone concept and will determine which installations need the funds. So far, nine have been approved for an ACUB, Keating said.

A team of ACUB experts came

to post recently to help develop Fort Riley's proposal. Because of this, Keating thinks the post will receive approval this spring and start implementation in the summer and fall.

"It will allow us to retain the ability to train fully on the installation from boundary to boundary," Keating said about the ACUB.

The buffer zone also will aid in preserving habitat for an endangered species and species in need of conservation, Alan Hynck, Fort Riley fish and wildlife administrator, said.

"Many installations have significant training restrictions as a result of threatened or endangered species residing on their post," he said. "Oftentimes, the reason these species become listed is because the particular DoD property is the only remaining viable habitat left for that species."

Fort Riley could face similar situations without wise habitat management. But, right now, while certain species are generally decreasing in number, their numbers are stable and sometimes increasing on Fort Riley, he said.

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Post/Stairrett

Col. Thomas "Ty" Smith, garrison commander, shows area residents land which would be included in the Army Compatible Use Buffer Program. During the informational meeting at Fort Riley Jan. 27, Smith said participation in the program was not mandatory.

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Holiday alters trash schedule

The President's Day holiday will alter trash pickup on Fort Riley. The changes will be:

Feb. 20 – No pick up, federal holiday.

Feb. 21 – Colyer Manor, Main Post and the dumpster at Building 620.

Feb. 22 – Ellis Heights, O'Donnell Heights, Montith Heights, Peterson Heights north of Thomas Avenue, Marshall Field and dumpsters at Buildings 28, 45, 471, 540, 542 and 5309.

Feb. 23 – Warner Heights, Burnside Heights and dumpster at Building 620. (No change from regular schedule.)

Feb. 24 – Meade Heights, McClellan Heights, South Warner Heights, Peterson Heights south of Thomas Avenue and dumpster at Building 5309. (No change from regular schedule.)

For more information, call Paul Cassella of the Contract Inspection Branch, Directorate of Public Works, at 239-6274

Congress sets SBP enrollment

Congress set a one-year open enrollment period that ends Sept. 30, 2006, to allow retirees to enroll in the Survivor Benefit Plan or increase their participation.

Congress set the open season after eliminating the SBP social security offset that reduced SBP coverage from 55 percent of the base amount elected to 35 percent of the base amount at age 62. The new plan provides 55 percent benefit regardless of the age of the annuitant. Those considering making an SBP open season election should go to http://www.Military.com/sbp_fa to get answers that will help with the decision.

Army astronaut to man station

First active duty Soldier headed for space journey

Army News Service

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – NASA and its international partners have selected U.S. Army astronaut Col. Jeffrey Williams and Russian cosmonaut Pavel Vinogradov as the next crew for the International Space Station.

Williams, a veteran of one space flight, will be the first Army astronaut ever aboard the International Space Station. Retired Col. William S. McArthur is crewing the space station, but Williams will be the first active duty Soldier.

Williams will serve as Expedition 13 flight engineer and NASA science officer.

Williams flew aboard the Space Shuttle Atlantis as a mission specialist in May 2000 on a 10-day space station assembly mission. During that mission, he performed a spacewalk lasting almost seven hours.

He is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He has master's degrees from the Naval Postgraduate School at Monterey, Calif., and the Naval War College at Newport, R.I. He also graduated from the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School.

Williams became an astronaut in 1996 and commands the NASA detachment of Army astronauts in Houston, Texas. Five active duty Army astronauts and two retired Army officers serve as astronauts.

Williams spent time preparing for the upcoming mission at the Russian Space Agency's training base east of Moscow and nicknamed "Star City."

The training at "Star City" included theoretical and hands-on training in the classroom and simulators. In addition to building operational confidence and competency in vacuum chambers and practicing space walks underwater in the hydrodub, astronauts there practice winter survival skills in northern Russia and

water survival in the Black Sea.

Vinogradov, a veteran of one long-duration spaceflight, will command Expedition 13. He flew aboard a Soyuz spacecraft to the Russian Mir Space Station as flight engineer for the 24th resident crew in 1997, a 198-day mission.

During that mission, he performed five spacewalks. A graduate of Moscow Aviation Institute, he became a cosmonaut in 1992.

Astronaut Mike Fincke and Russian cosmonaut Fyodor Yurchikhin are training as the back-up crew.

Williams and Vinogradov are scheduled to blast off in a Russian Soyuz TMA-8 in March.

Editor's note: Information provided by NASA and the U.S. Army Space Command.



NASA Photo

Army astronaut Col. Jeff Williams tends the fire during winter survival training in northern Russia. His crew was strapped into a Soyuz capsule positioned in a remote wilderness area and forced to survive for three days and two nights in harsh conditions with only the survival gear found in the capsule.



Capt. Dennis Wells (left), a critical care nurse in the Special Care Unit at Irwin Army Community Hospital, and 1st Lt. Johnnie Robbins, a registered nurse in the Post Anesthesia Care Unit, recently returned from serving a year-long tour in Iraq.

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Nurses return from Iraq

Duo shares experiences about tour of duty

By Jan Clark

LACH PAO

Army Nurse Corps

Celebrated its 105th anniversary Feb. 2

Men and women have served as Army nurses since 1775.

The corps became part of the Army Medical Department in 1901.

The United States entered World War I in 1917 with 4,093 nurses on active duty. By November 1918, there were 21,460 Army nurses, 10,000 of those serving overseas.

During World War II, the number of Army nurses grew to 57,000 assigned to hospital ships, trains, flying ambulances, field hospitals, evacuation stations and general hospitals in the United States and overseas.

Every critically injured Soldier passed through our hospital prior to being transported out of country from Balad.

"Being a nurse over there, you found yourself a part of a collaborative effort. Though the patient load was heavy and mostly Iraqi, we worked more closely with the doctors. We also were more hands-on in regard to managing the medical aspects of each patient, preparing them for departure, coordinating everything from paperwork to assuring patients were ventilator transportable and notifying the critical transport team.

"I'm glad and proud to have gone and served as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. I felt like I was doing what I came into the Army to do. I found the true meaning of being an Army nurse, serving our Soldiers in a time of war."

Robbins continued: "Nurses in the Iraqi medical system are rare. The locals were impressed by our services and realized how integral a part nurses play in saving lives. They (Iraqi medical system) are realizing they need more nurses."

Wells spent a year working with the Air Force at a theater hospital in Balad. He said: "We were always extremely busy.

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Myers joins KSU faculty

Kansas State University

MANHATTAN, Kan. — A Kansas State University alumnus who recently served as the nation's highest-ranking military officer is returning to the institution where he began his military career in the Reserve Officers Training Corps.

Retired U.S. Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and a K-State graduate, returns to the university as a foundation professor of military history and leadership.

"We are so thrilled that one of our most distinguished graduates has chosen to return to his alma mater to enlighten our students, assist our faculty with resources and speakers and raise the visibility of our Institute for Military History," K-State President Jon Wefald said.

"His knowledge of foreign relations, presidential leadership and other topics as they relate to national security, international relations and military preparedness is invaluable," Wefald said.

Myers' part-time appointment will include giving guest lectures in classes, identifying potential speakers and attending alumni and Foundation events. Wefald said he anticipates that Myers will present speeches to national audiences and serve on corporate boards.

Myers, a Merriam native, joined the Air Force in 1965 through the ROTC at K-State, where he earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering that same year. Myers was a K-State London Lecture speaker in 2000.



Sgt. 1st Class Mark Thompson (left) and Sgt. Maj. Scott Buhar on a Black Hawk during Thompson's deployment to Iraq.

U.S. Army photo

Diabetes association names bear after Soldier

By Tobi Edler

Army News Service

TIKRIT, Iraq — The American Diabetes Association has created a teddy bear in honor of a diabetic patient who fought to deploy to Iraq after being medically excused.

After Sgt. 1st Class Mark Thompson discovered he had type one diabetes in 2000, he had to begin a strenuous health regimen.

"I'm on an insulin infusion pump with a catheter that goes through my stomach and gives me insulin shots every nine minutes through the day and every six minutes during the night," Thompson said. "I have to change the catheter out every three days."

Stationed in Germany with the 1st Infantry Division, Thompson was originally slated to be part of the rear detachment when the division was called up for duty in Iraq.

"I wanted to go and they said

no," Thompson said. "I didn't like that answer, and I told (my supervisor) that."

Thompson said he needed to gain approval from the division surgeon before he could be considered for deployment because insulin can only be effective if it stays below 86 degrees.

"I found out that I could slip my pump inside of special coolant pouches and that would keep it safe in temperatures up to 110 degrees," he said.

Thompson got his wish and was able to deploy after a long process in front of medical boards and dealing with his chain-of-command and the surgeon.

"I took an eight-month supply of everything with me: catheters, lancets and testers," Thompson said. "So along with everything else included in normal battle rattle, I was carrying a duffel bag full of medical supplies."

The career counselor had to resort to his contingency plans during his deployment because

his pump broke. As a result, he had to switch back to using needles, which were crushed underneath his interceptor body armor.

Even with his complications, Thompson said he can't imagine having been a part of the Army and not going into combat, because "it would be like being on a basketball team and sitting on the bench the whole time."

The teddy bear created in his name wears a battle dress uniform and has an insulin pump. The inscription on the bear reads: I am Staff Sgt. Thompson, I am serving my country and I am a type one diabetic. Since then, Thompson has been promoted.

"I could have easily gotten out of the Army, but I always wanted to be a Soldier," Thompson said. "People assume that a diabetic or a person with a medical condition can't deploy. But I did, and I was there, and it was worth it. From that I get a sense of pride and accomplishment."

Civilian employees seek donated leave

Staff report

Several Fort Riley employees with personal or family medical emergencies face more than 24 hours of Leave without Pay.

Some have asked fellow employees at Fort Riley to consider donating leave to ease their situation.

Current employees seeking donated leave include:

Arnaldo Valdemar, Directorate of Logistics, control number CPACLT2304

Gail Barnes, Southwestern Civilian Personnel Operations Center, control number CPACLT1105

Margaret Franzeen, Directorate of Plans, Training, Maneuvers and Security, control number CPACLT2505

Barbara Lewis, Medical Department Activity, control number CPACLT2905

Valerie Fegurgur, Directorate of Public Works, control number CPACLT3105

Carter LaVon, Fort Riley

University, control number CPACLT3205

Carolyn Christensen, DPW, control number CPACLT3605

Elizabeth Sims, MEDDAC, control number CPACLT3805

Daisy Simmons, MEDDAC, control number CPACLT3905

Lynn DeNooyer, MEDDAC, control number CPACLT4005

Anne Woodmansee, DPW, control number CPACLT4105

To donate annual leave to any of these individuals, civilian employees must complete an OPM Form 630a.

The form is located on the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center Intranet Web site under "Forms," OPM Web site <http://www.opm.gov/>.

Completed forms should be forwarded to: Durlene Bryson, Human Resources Assistant, CPAC.

For more information about leave donation procedures, contact an activity's administrative point of contact or Bryson at 239-6080.

Escaped Soldier caught on post

Staff report

A Soldier who had escaped from military escorts Jan. 27 at Fort Riley was apprehended on post shortly after 2 p.m. Jan. 29.

Sgt. William B. Hendry of 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, escaped about 6:30 p.m., after a court martial found him guilty of larceny of private property, burglary and conspiracy to commit larceny.

Military police received a lead as to Hendry's location about 2 p.m. Sunday and found him about 2:10 p.m. in the Outdoor Recreation Center area of Camp

Forsyth on post.

Hendry has been turned over to Criminal Investigation Division agents at Fort Riley and will be incarcerated in a detention center off-post. Fort Riley has no facility for keeping prisoners for an extended time.

A military police officer said Hendry had volunteered to surrender and that he had apparently suffered from cold weather because he was not dressed warmly.

Hendry was not considered to be a threat to anyone, but all exits from the post were manned by military policemen searching vehicles until he was caught.

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Veterans career fair slated

A veterans career fair is planned from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Colmery-O'Neal Veterans Administration Medical Center, 2200 SW Gage Blvd., Building 24, Room A-113, in Topeka, Kan.

Those attending will have the opportunity to visit with employers who offer registered apprenticeship careers.

For more information, call organizer Jim Cox at (785) 633-8805 or (785) 494-8488 or send e-mail to jcox@ua441.org.

Cell phone use restricted

Drivers are prohibited from using a cell phone while driving on Fort Riley unless they use a hands-free device.

Riley's offers lunch buffets

Riley's Conference Center offers a lunch buffet from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For \$6.50, diners will receive a hot entree with side dish, soup of the day, gourmet salad bar, and iced tea or water to drink.

Medals honor hurricane relief

The Joint Chiefs of Staff have approved two new medals for servicemembers who participated in Katrina and Rita hurricane relief efforts.

Military personnel eligible for the award "directly participated in the immediate humanitarian relief operations in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas (east of 96 degrees west longitude) from Aug. 29 to Oct. 13."

The Armed Forces Service Medal, meanwhile, is earmarked for servicemembers who worked in direct support of the hurricane relief operations

for either 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days.

A servicemember may qualify for both medals, but the place, time and actions for which he or she is awarded each one cannot overlap.

Servicemembers whose names are not collected, but believe they qualify, can request the medal through the office of the commanding officer under which they served during the operation.

Environmental training slated

The Environmental Division, DPW has scheduled the following training courses for the month of February.

Environmental Team Training: Environmental Team training certifies environmental team leaders and members on how to safely handle hazardous materials and waste handling as well as spill responses at the unit level.

Leaders and team members must attend this course within 60 days of appointment to their duties.

Class begins at 9 a.m. each day, Feb. 21-22 in Room 6, Building 407. The course lasts two days.

Environmental Team Training Refresher: This course is an annual refresher to the Environmental Team training course. Class starts at 9 a.m. on Feb. 6, in Room 6, Building 407. The class lasts 2 1/2 hours.

Battery Hazard Awareness Training (Code Name Lithium): This course is designed for key personnel who in their course of their duties receive, store, issue and then transport lithium batteries for disposal.

Class starts at 10 a.m. every Wednesday of each month in Building 1930 at Camp Funston. This class lasts one hour.

For more information or to enroll in these classes, call 239-0446 or check with a battalion schools noncommissioned officer.

Referrals could earn \$1,000

Army offers bonus to Soldiers who find people to enlist

Army News Service

ARLINGTON, Va. — Soldiers can now earn \$1,000 for referring their acquaintances to Army recruiters if those referrals decide to enlist.

The recently signed National Defense Authorization Act authorizes the referral bonus. The act also provides authorization to increase enlistment bonuses recruits from \$20,000 to \$40,000 for new regular Army and increases reserve component enlistment bonuses from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

"We thank Congress for their recent legislation to provide bonuses such as these," said Lt. Gen. Franklin L. Hagenbeck, deputy chief of staff, Army G1 (Personnel). "We're pleased with recent trends and believe these incentives will be instrumental in helping us achieve our goals."

"I believe the new authorities provided by Congress, such as the \$1,000 per referral bonus, will help continue the positive trend of

meeting our recruiting objectives [as we have] for the last seven months in a row," said Secretary of the Army Dr. Francis J. Harvey after a Pentagon press briefing Jan. 18.

Under the referral pilot program, eligible members of the Army's regular and reserve components may receive the \$1,000 bonus per recruit. Referrals under the program will be made via the Sergeant Major of the Army Recruiting Team, or SMART, referral process.

Family members don't count

Soldiers may receive the bonus for referring anyone except a member of their immediate family. Immediate family member is defined as spouse, parent (including step-parent), child (natural, adopted or step-child), brother or sister.

Those not eligible to receive a

Want more information?

For more information on the \$1,000 referral bonus, go to <https://www.usarec.army.mil/smart/> on the Web or call (800) 223-3735, extension 6-0473.

referral bonus include Soldiers assigned to the U.S. Army Accessions Command, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Cadet Command, U.S. Army Reserve Command - Retention and Transition Division, National Guard State Recruiting Commands and any other members of the Army serving in a recruiting or retention assignment.

Anyone is also ineligible for the bonus if his or her duties could be perceived as creating a conflict of interest, as determined by the secretary of the Army.

Soldiers will be ineligible to receive a referral bonus for three months following a reassignment outside their recruiting and retention duties, officials said, adding this includes Soldiers who have participated in the Hometown Recruiter Assistance Program, Special Recruiter Assistance Program and Additional Duty Special Work in recruiting or retention duties.

Bonus paid after AIT completed

The bonus will be paid in a lump sum to the referring Soldier once the qualified applicant completes Basic and Advanced Individual Training. No retroactive provisions exist to this pilot program, officials said. They said payments will be made directly to the referring Soldier's military pay account within 45 days after the person that was referred completes AIT.

Computer downloads mean trouble

By Amanda Kim Stairrett Staff writer

Downloading unauthorized software such as those necessary to use iTunes and AOL Instant Messenger onto an Army or government computer is illegal and it puts the Fort Riley system at risk, warn post information management officials.

A terrorist, hack or insurgent group could gain access to sensitive information once a computer user downloads a Peer-to-Peer application that allows spyware into the system, according to members of the Directorate of Information Management.

Peer-to-Peer applications, like Napster and Kazaa, are those a user downloads onto the system and then exchanges information with an outside user.

Security devices, such as firewalls and intrusion detection systems, protect Fort Riley's network; but when file sharing software is downloaded, a path going around the security devices is created to an outside computer. That enables an outside user access to the government network, said Jim Broad, assistant information assurance manager.

Unauthorized downloading is illegal on any system purchased and maintained by the Army or federal government. This does not include Soldiers' eArmyU computers or personal computers. They are maintained by individual owners and should never be connected to the Fort Riley network, Broad said.

Downloading is a problem at Fort Riley, and the directorate monitors the network to pinpoint

What to do

What should military personnel do to protect information on their computers?

Don't install unauthorized programs.

Don't disable security features, such as antivirus and installed patches.

Ensure your antivirus definition file is not more than a week old.

Don't share your password.

illegal downloads, Broad said.

Some of the violators are Soldiers pulling staff or charge of quarters duty. Once DOIM officials identify a problem, the unit is contacted and the computer has to

be "wiped."

"The command is pushing hard to get a handle on it," Broad said. Units receive calls from DOIM officials weekly about unauthorized downloading.

"We're pretty good at cleaning it up as soon as we find it," he said.

Soldiers who disobey provisions of Army Regulation 25-2, "Information Assurance," are subject to punishment under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Other personnel who violate the regulation can be disciplined under the U.S. Code, contractual obligators or federal or state regulations, according to AR 25-2.

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Two workers add support to a section of roof at Camp Funston. The roofs are being completed on the ground and will then be lifted by crane to their final resting places. *Post/Morelock*



Camp Funston facelift under way



Workers pour concrete for a floor in the new barracks at Camp Funston. *Post/Morelock*

By Anna Morelock
Staff writer

Construction workers are outfitting a World War I training area at Fort Riley to handle a new generation of Soldiers.

Camp Funston on the Ogden, Kan., side of post started out in 1917 as a training area for Soldiers in World War I. Today, the camp is getting a facelift to prepare it for training and mobilizing new generation of Soldiers for wherever the Army needs them.

Four annual training and mobilization barracks are being built at Camp Funston to house Soldiers ordered to Fort Riley for reserve training and mobilization. The new barracks and other buildings making up an Operational Readiness Training Center will be assigned to the Reserve Component Support Division on post.

The \$18 million construction project, headed up by M.A. Mortenson, Inc., should be finished by July 2006. The entire project, from design to completion, was estimated to take a year, said General Superintendent Sean Lineback.

The outside walls of the two-story barracks are pre-cast construction, meaning that the concrete walls are formed elsewhere and shipped to the job site to be put together. The walls arrived at Camp Funston in 24-foot by 8-foot sections.

The buildings are at different stages of completion. Workers in one building are installing the plumbing and electrical elements. In an adjacent building, concrete floors are being poured. Outside the buildings, other workers prefabricate roofs that will then be lifted by crane and set into place on the buildings.

It's a fast-paced project, Lineback said, and the weather has been pretty cooperative throughout the winter.

Besides the four permanent barracks, several relocatable buildings have been set up at Camp Funston. The relocatable buildings should be in place about six years. A few of them already house Soldiers.

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BOSS offers Sing-A-Grams

By Amanda Kim Stairrett
Staff writer

Last Valentine's Day a Fort Riley civilian employee requested a Sing-A-Gram for her son, a football player at Kansas State University. Soldiers in a Cowardly Lion costume and a panther costume walked in during a weight training session, called the son out in front of the team and coaches and sang "You Are My Sunshine" to him.

That was one of the more memorable deliveries during the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers' annual Sing-A-Gram fundraiser, said Spc. Dwayne Allen, BOSS president at Fort Riley.

BOSS repeats the Sing-A-Gram fundraiser Feb. 10, 13 and 14. For \$25, a person's special Valentine will receive a balloon, candy and song delivered by a costumed Soldier. Past costumes included Mickey Mouse, Wizard of Oz characters, Elvis and a gorilla.

If a Valentine is too shy to be crowned in public, they can receive a balloon and candy for \$20.

Allen decided to extend the delivery period to three days this year to give people more chances to honor their Valentines.

Sing-A-Grams are the biggest fundraiser for BOSS, and all the

money goes directly back into the program to help offset the costs of trips. Last year, the event raised \$1,800, Allen said. With the increase in population at Fort Riley, Allen is shooting for \$2,000 this year.

Sing-A-Grams will be delivered at Fort Riley, Junction City and Manhattan.

Sing-A-Grams are better than roses, because they're more memorable, Allen said.

Deliveries on Fort Riley were the most popular last year. Most of the Sing-A-Gram requests were honest shows of affection, Allen said, but some wives sent them to their husbands at work as a prank.

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Send a Sing-A-Gram

To request a BOSS Sing-A-Gram for Feb. 10, 13 or 14, go to the Information, Ticketing and Registration office, Building 6918 across the parking lot from the Main Post Exchange, or call (785) 239-5614.

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Sports news in brief

Few KSU-OSU tickets left

The Kansas State University athletics department announced Jan. 31 that less than 300 tickets remained for the Feb. 4 game with Oklahoma State University.

The men's and women's doubleheader tips off at 3 p.m. in Bramlage Coliseum.

Tickets can be bought at the ticket office in Bramlage Coliseum, by phone at (800) 221-CATS or online at www.kstatesports.com.

Bicyclists plan 43-mile ride

The Riley Road Raiders, a group of bicycle enthusiasts at Fort Riley, will host a "43-43 President's Day Bike Ride" beginning at noon Feb. 18.

Riders should meet at 10:30 a.m. at 716 S. Jefferson St. in Junction City, Kan., for pre-ride coffee and time for last-minute tune ups.

The route will take riders across 43 miles of rolling Kansas Hills on a westerly from Junction City.

Riders should dress warmly. A vehicle will follow riders, so they can peel off clothing layers if needed.

For more information, call Chris Lowery at (785) 210-1177 or (785) 239-7103.

Post needs instructors

The Fort Riley Fitness Department staff is looking for group fitness instructors and personal trainers. All applicants must be certified by a recognized association and have current CPR and first aid certification.

For more information, call 239-2813 or 239-3146.

Youth swim camp slated

A youth competitive swimming camp will be offered for third-through eighth-graders on post from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. March 6-17.

The camp will provide youth who know how to swim an opportunity to work on and improve the strokes used in competitive swimming. Junction City High School and Manhattan High School sponsor swim teams.

Participants must register with Central Registration in Building 6620. Registration began Feb. 1. Cost for the camp is \$10.

For more information, call 239-9223.

Staff offers dodgeball event

Fort Riley's sports staff is seeking interested players to form dodgeball teams to compete in a post "Extravaganza" beginning at 9 a.m. Feb. 11 at King Field House.

The "Extravaganza" will be open to all active duty and local civilian teams. Teams will be comprised of six players at least 18 years old.

Teams must pay an entry fee of \$60. Entry fees can be paid at the Sports Office, Building 202, beginning Jan. 23. Teams must register by noon Feb. 8. Business hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Rules will be available upon registration and balls will be available for practice at King Field House.

For more information, call 239-3945 or 239-2172.

11 Army boxers advance to finals

By Esau Lolis
Army News Service

FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz. — More than 1,800 spectators witnessed 29 boxers from across the Army contend for the All-Army Boxing Championship at Fort Huachuca's Barnes Field House Jan. 20 and 21.

Fort Carson, Colo., Staff Sgt. Christopher Downs, the 2005

Conseil du International Sports Militaire light-heavyweight bronze medalist, and 2004 light-middleweight gold medalist Lt. Boyd Melson returned to this year's boxing competition. Both won gold at Fort Huachuca as boxing enthusiasts enjoyed free admission for the 16 bouts spread over two nights.

Downs wins gold

Downs won gold at the Armed Forces Boxing Championships last year and nabbed a bronze medal at the U.S. Amateur Boxing Nationals last March.

Downs won the 2006 All-Army light-heavyweight gold medal when the referee stopped the contest because of a head injury to Downs' opponent. At the beginning of round one, Downs threw a

series of powerful blows to the head of Spc. Tremaine Knox of Fort Riley, Kan., sending him to the canvas. The referee stopped the contest after only 29 seconds of the first round.

Melson moves forward

Melson, a former CISM gold medalist and three-time All-Army

champion, won the light-middleweight gold medal and moved forward in his quest for the 2006 CISM championship by defeating Spc. Jonathan Conn. The referee also stopped that contest.

Shortly into the third round, Melson threw a lightning-fast combination, dazing Conn, causing his nose to bleed and sending him into a dizzying standing eight

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Infantry rallies

24th Inf. Div. defeats MPs in last-half comeback

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

With 10 minutes left in the second half Jan. 26, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division (Mech), found itself trailing 11th Military Police Company 24-17.

Eight minutes later, HHC pulled ahead by one point, on its way to a 34-28 victory in Northern League action.

Successful free throws widened the HHC lead in the final two minutes, with Timothy Hanson hitting two of three off a foul while shooting a three-pointer, then hitting two more less than a minute later.

Clyde Ryan caught a pass while sprinting down the court and went on for the only dunk shot in the game before Robert Ryder hit one of his two charity shots to put HHC up 33-25 with 26 seconds showing on the clock.

The MPs' Chrispy Casiano swished a three-pointer, but Joshua Stanley hit one of HHC's final two free throws to end scoring.

HHC drew first blood in the game even though the MPs controlled the tip-off. Hanson hit a trey from the left side and Ryan added two more before Casiano put the MPs on the scoreboard

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Patrick Holder (44) pulls up short of taking a shot for the 11th MP Co. against HHC, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) Jan. 26. HHC defenders are Tim Hanson (in front of Holder) and Eudane Renix (22). MP players are Darren Stringburg (18) and Cody Woodruff (10).

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MP Chrispy Casiano (36) goes up for a shot in the Northern League game that HHC, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech), won 34-28 at King Field House Jan. 26. HHC's Timothy Hanson (21) blocks out for a rebound chance.



Post/Heronemus

Upcoming games

Eastern League

Feb. 8

Company C, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, plays Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, at 6 p.m.; Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment and Company A, 101st Forward Support Battalion, plays 331st Signal Company at 7 p.m.; and Company B, 101st FSB, plays 610th Brigade Support Battalion at 8 p.m.

Feb. 9

HHC, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, plays Company A, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, at 6 p.m.; 610th BSB plays Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade, at 7 p.m.; and 331st Signal Co. plays Co. B, 101st FSB, at 8 p.m.

Eastern Standings

(as of Jan. 30)

Team	W	L
331st Signal	2	2
HHC, 1-34 Armor	4	0
Co A, 1-34 Armor	5	0
Co C, 1-34 Armor	1	3
HHD/A 101st FSB	3	2
Co B, 101st FSB	2	3
HHC, 1st BCT	1	5
4th IBCT	0	5
610th BSB	3	1

Northern League

Feb. 6

997th Military Police Company plays MEDDAC/DENTAC at 6 p.m.; 10th Air Support Operations Squadron plays Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division (Mech), at 7 p.m.; and Company A, 1st Engineer Battalion, plays 1st Maintenance Company at 8 p.m.

Southern League

Feb. 7

Company B, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, plays Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, at 6 p.m.; Battery B, 1st Bn., 5th FA, plays Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., at 7 p.m.; and Service Battery, 1st Bn., 5th FA, plays D Troop, 4th Cavalry, at 8 p.m.

Southern Standings

(as of Jan. 25)

Team	W	L
HHC, 1-16 Inf	2	0
Co A, 1-16 Inf	1	1
Co B, 1-16 Inf	4	0
HHD, 1-5 FA	1	2
Btry B, 1-5 FA	1	2
Btry D, 1-5 FA	1	3
Svc Btry, 1-5 FA	3	2
D Troop, 4th Cav	0	4
HHC TFD	2	1

Ornate box turtle dresses up wildlife scene

By Carla Hurlbert

Fish and wildlife biologist



Carla Hurlbert

The ornate box turtle (Terrapene ornata) is a year-round resident of Fort Riley. In 1986, Kansas adopted the ornate box turtle as the state reptile.

The word "ornate" means elaborately decorated. Each shell segment (scute) has a radiating pattern of yellow lines on a dark brown back-

ground. This may be seen on both the upper shell (carapace) and the lower shell (plastron).

Box turtles are unique because of the hinge in the plastron which allows them to completely withdraw their legs, tail, head and neck within the shell for protection from predators.

The male and female box turtle are easy to distinguish by using their

respective colors. Males have bright red or orange eyes. This color is usually present as well on the front legs, face and neck.

In the female, the color of these areas will resemble the yellow of the stripes on the shell. Females will be slightly larger than males of the same age, and the male's plastron will usually be slightly concave.

If you look carefully at the scutes on the carapace, you will see annual growth rings. Count up the growth rings to get a pretty good idea how old a box turtle is. Box turtles have been known to live more than 30 years.

Box turtles emerge from winter hibernation in early to late April. During hot weather, they seek shade and are generally most active after a rain.

Ornate box turtles are slow to

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Sports news briefly

Soccer sign up to begin Feb. 6

Registration for Fort Riley Youth Sports' spring soccer season will be from noon to 5 p.m. Feb. 6-24 at Central Registration in Building 6620.

Child and Youth Services charges an annual \$18 fee per child (maximum fee is \$40 per family).

Participants must have a sports physical form on file and dated on or after May 28, 2005.

The program is open to family members of active duty military and Department of the Army civilian employees.

The Colt League will include players in kindergarten and first grade. The Pinto League will have second- and third-grad players. Fourth- and fifth-grade players will be in the Mustang League, and the Bronco League will sign up players in sixth through eighth grade.

Volunteer coaches also are needed.

For more information, call the Youth Sports Office at 239-9223 or Central Registration at 239-4847.

Park staff offers soccer clinic

Manhattan Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registrations for its Spring Break Soccer Clinic. The clinic is a four-day basic skills camp for children ages 4 to 8. Registration fee is \$30 per player. Registration deadline is 5 p.m. March 14.

To register, visit the Parks and Recreation Department at 1101 Fremont St. in Manhattan.

For more information, call Adam Dolezal at (785) 587-2757.

Boxers

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count.

Unopposed boxers Spc. John Franklin and Sgt. Jose Jimenez fought a match bout. Franklin won the bout by outpointing Jimenez 33 to 13.

Jimenez, who returned from Iraq just three weeks ago, described his advancement to the All Army Boxing Championship saying, "it was a long time coming." Jimenez competed in 2002 but did not place.

Guzman takes title

In a battle of Army heavyweight superstars, defending All-Army champion Sgt. Joe Guzman of Fort Carson faced off against Spc. Jeffrey Spencer of Fort Hood, Texas, during the final bout of the night.

Both boxers were evenly matched during the first two rounds. The Guzman onslaught began in round three. The bell rang to begin the final round and Guzman came out swinging with an array of scoring blows to Spencer's torso. The referee stopped the bout twice to warn Guzman. Guzman nearly dropped Spencer but Spencer fought back bravely.

The crowd went wild as the competition came down to the last 10 seconds. Once the bout was over, the crowd eagerly anticipated the judge's decision. Guzman was named champion, outpointing Spencer 27-30.

Guzman was awarded the 2006 All-Army heavyweight gold medal.

"He came out fast and I didn't think he was going to be able to maintain that tempo," Guzman said of Spencer. "The last round, I got two eight-counts and that's what I needed," he said.

Guzman went on to say he changed his boxing style a little during the last round, and that helped him to win.

Three women unopposed

Just three women made it to this year's All-Army trial camp and championships: 2nd Lt. Khara Keegan, 119 pounds, of



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Spc. Quentin McCoy, Fort Carson, Colo., moves in on his opponent, Spc. Joshua Kidwell, Fort Bliss, Texas, on the first night of boxing. McCoy outpointed Kidwell 34-14. McCoy defeated Fort Huachuca's Spc. Nathaniel Hicks to win the 2006 super middle weight All-Army Gold medal.

Fort Huachuca, Ariz., Spc. Lupita Cook, 154 pounds, of Fort Polk, La., and Sgt. Princess Finn, 165 pounds, of Camp Humphries, Korea. Keegan and Finn will advance to the Armed Forces Championships.

"Unfortunately we only have so many females, . . . and we are all in three different weight classes and there's a large enough range between our weights that we can't even have a match bout," Keegan said. "Hopefully, in the future, we can get more women involved in boxing and aware of the sport," she added.

Preliminary bout wows audience

During the preliminary bouts, Staff Sgt. Eric Raymon and Spc. Nathaniel Hicks, both from Fort Huachuca, provided a crowd-pleasing bout that had spectators oohing and aahing for four rounds of evenly matched boxing. At the conclusion of the bout,

everyone was on their feet anticipating the judges' decision. The boxers received a standing ovation and crowd-favorite Hicks won the preliminary bout.

Hicks went on to face World Class Athlete Program boxer Spc. Quentin McCoy of Fort Carson for the middleweight championship.

McCoy punished Hicks blow after blow until the sound of the bell in round four. McCoy outpointed Hicks 34-13.

"I am mentally stronger this year than I was last year," McCoy said. "I think that's my biggest step forward so far." McCoy said that 75 percent of competition is mental and 25 percent is physical. "I think I'm finally getting the mental part down," he said laughing.

Alvarez, Shepherd win titles

Sgt. Esteban Alvarez and Staff Sgt. Marshall Christmas contended for the 141 pound weight class championship.

Christmas returned to compete this year after taking a year off to be an All-Army boxing coach. The bout was evenly matched and Alvarez stole the bout during the last 10 seconds by scoring two blows win the 2006 All-Army light welterweight gold medal.

Super heavyweight Sgt. Andrew Shepherd of Fort Eustis, Va., advanced to the Armed Forces Championship unopposed. Shepherd was scheduled to box Sgt. David Griffin of Fort Hood

and the only other super heavyweight in camp. Griffin injured his shoulder during training and was unable to compete.

Boxers contend for WCAP billet

Several boxers contended for a spot on the World Class Athlete Program boxing team.

All-Army Head Coach Basheer Abdullah is looking at four candidates for the WCAP Program: Shepherd, 201+ pounds, Spc. Charles Rios, 132 pounds, Alvarez, 141 pounds, and Jimenez, 125.

"We have some of the best amateur boxers in the country in the WCAP Program," Abdullah said.

Abdullah went on to say he's honored and fortunate to be the head coach of the All-Army Boxing Team and is looking forward to defend the Armed Forces title at the championships.

"We prepare ourselves to box against the best, and we try very hard to complete at our best," Abdullah said.

Eleven Army boxers will compete at the 2006 Armed Forces Championship May 11-18 at Camp Huene, Calif.

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Patrick Holder (44) tries to put in a layup around the arms of HHC, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech), defender Robert Ryder Jan. 26. The 116th MP Co. led for three-quarters of the game, but HHC rallied in the last 10 minutes of play to win 34-28.

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with a three-pointer of his own. HHC favored the fast break through most of the game, but it didn't work well for them. The HHC players couldn't finish plays or lost control of the ball, and the MPs took advantage of every break to move ahead. They led 19-15 at the half and held that spread in points until HHC began to rally halfway through the final period. Casiano proved to be a defensive thorn in HHC's offense. He blocked at least two shots close to the basket in the first half and blocked at least one more in the second half. HHC also suffered turnovers resulting from bad passes early in the second half. The fast pace of the game from the tip-off to the final buzzer hurt each team, although the MP offense moved the ball well around the court once they got staged past mid-court. Both teams mounted smothering defenses under the basket, creating difficult shots and frequent scrambles for rebounds. Darren Springburg seemed to be the MPs' best bet at getting any kind of dribble penetration against HHC. HHC threw up a barricade against him in the second half, and the MPs went more and more to Casiano in hopes of holding

League standings

Northern League
(as of Jan. 25)

Team	W	L
HHC, 24th ID	3	1
Meddac/Dentac	1	2
116th MP Co	1	2
997th MP Co	1	2
10th ASOS	0	5
Co A, 1-190	3	1
3-75th Inf	0	2
Co A, 1st Eng	2	1
1st Mntst Co	3	1
172nd Chem	2	1

their lead, and then in an effort to regain it in the closing 10 minutes. Casiano led his team scoring with 12 points in the first half and eight more in the second half. Ryan led HHC scoring in the first half with 7 points. Hanson led second half scoring with 7 for the HHC squad. Teammates Ronald Stewart and Joshua Stanley added 2 more points each. In other Northern League games Jan. 26, 172nd Chemical Company defeated 997th Military Police Company 45-42 and Company A, 1st Engineer Battalion, defeated 10th Air Support Operations Squadron 49-25.

Wildside

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mature. Males do not reach maturity until eight to nine years. Females reach maturity at 10 to 11 years. These land-dwelling turtles prefer prairies and pastures to woodlands. They are active from April through October. They begin their day by basking in the sun. Once they warm up, they begin to search for food. A box turtle on the hunt is fun to observe. It has an earnest determination that is quite admirable. They prefer to eat insects, spiders, worms and some vegetarian fare, such as berries. They lay their eggs in early summer. The female will dig a hole with the strong, curved claws on her hind feet and lay two to eight brittle white eggs, and then cover the nest, sweeping away any trace she was there. Eggs incubate in the nest within 59 to 70 days. Hatchlings are nickel sized and may not actually leave the nest until the following year, digging deeper below the nest chamber to avoid freezing. For a short time after hatching, the shell is slightly flexible and the navel may be seen in the middle of the plastron. In autumn, the box turtle will seek out a place to bury itself for hibernation. Using its stout claws, it will dig itself into the earth and prepare to shut down for the season. Often, the turtle gets only a few inches below the ground surface, but far enough to get it through the cold prairie winter. Unfortunately, the shell does not protect box turtles from cars, which are a major cause of mortality when the turtles try to cross roads. Be on the lookout for these slow-moving creatures as you motor across the Great Plains. If you consider stopping and giving them a safe ride to the other side, park carefully, of course, but also be sure to hold them away from you when you pick them up. They don't know you have good intentions and will usually empty their bladder when picked up. Box turtles are toothless but have sharp, horny jaws and may often hiss and bite if handled. For more information on this or other wildlife subjects, call the Conservation Division at 239-6211 or visit its Web site at <http://www.riley.army.mil/Recreation/Outdoor/Fishing>.



Photo provided by Conservation Division
An ornate box turtle, the state reptile, crawls through limestone rocks. It prefers prairie habitat to wet environs.

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Amputees learn to fight

Combatives training builds skills, confidence

By Samantha L. Quigley
AFPS

WASHINGTON — Military amputee patients are taking their desire to return to active duty to the mats.

Members of the Modern Army Combatives Program from Fort Knox, Ky., took their program to Walter Reed Army Medical Center for a two-week stay.

The first week built patients' physical skills and confidence.

The second week, the team trained up to 20 Walter Reed Soldiers to be Level 1 instructors of the three-level program, said Roger Lemacks, administrator of the U.S. Army Amputee Patient Care Program at WRAMC.

Based on the Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu form of martial arts, the program provides "a good activity for them because it's something they can still do to a high level," said Jason Keaton, Combatives civilian instructor. "Close-quarter fighting is definitely part of the training the modern Soldier needs."

Keaton was born visually impaired. Today, he is considered legally blind. That hasn't slowed his participation in martial arts. He has been wrestling since age 4, he said.

"A lot of times, when you have a disability, people ... think that maybe you can't do some-



ANS/Quigley

Jason Keaton, a civilian instructor with the Modern Army Combatives Program from Fort Knox, Ky., watches as Army Staff Sgt. Orlando Gill (top), a patient at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, practices taking control of an opponent. In this case, the opponent is Army Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Greenlee, another program instructor.

thing; but, of course, you know you can," he said.

The Combatives program is inexpensive to teach and easy to learn, said Army Staff Sgt. Eric Hankins, noncommissioned officer in charge of the Fort Knox program. It also offers realism.

"The old hand-to-hand combat (training) wasn't really effective," Hankins said. "It looked really good on paper, but you would rarely find yourself in one of those (training scenarios)."

The old methods were taught without full execution of the moves, Keaton said. With the Combatives program, techniques are practiced against a fully resisting opponent.

It's more about technique than size and strength and gives servicemembers the tools to control a situation, the instructors agreed.

"(We're) trying to teach them how to control their opponent until their buddy comes up with a weapon," Hankins said. Army Sgt. Orlando Gill, a Walter Reed patient, agreed that this skill set is a handy tool to have.

During his second tour in Iraq, Gill was hit with a rocket-propelled grenade while on patrol in Ramadi, resulting in the amputation of his lower right leg. He has been at Walter Reed for 15 months.

"We do missions in the cities, which is close quarters," Gill, said. "If somebody comes up real close, you can't bring up your weapon at times, so you have to go hand to hand. So this training actually does help a lot."

Gill said he hopes to return to Iraq as a medic to continue helping others as he was helped after being injured. His ultimate goal, he added, is to become a physical therapist.

As the Combatives program continues to spread throughout the Army, Keaton gets positive comments about its use. Soldiers

returning from the front lines tell him they're glad they had the skills or that they wish they had them.

The training will be especially helpful for the amputees who are able to return to active duty, Keaton said.

"These guys, from working with them, I can tell that they're able to do it, sometimes even better than ... some guys coming in that would have all their limbs," he said.

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Local classes

Troop School offers Modern Army Combatives instruction at Fort Riley. A contracted Barton County Community College instructor teaches the course.

Combatives I will be offered next Feb. 6-10, Feb. 21-27, March 6-10 and March 20-24.

Combatives II will be offered next March 27 through April 7.

For more information about enrollment, call Troop School at 239-5454 or 239-5432. Troop School is located in Building 7305 on Custer Hill.

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Documentary showcases military careers

By Donna Miles
AFPS

WASHINGTON – A documentary launched Jan. 30 will help educate the American public about military service and clear up misconceptions, the Defense Department's top personnel official said.

David S.C. Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, said the one-hour film, "Today's Military: Extraordinary People; Extraordinary Opportunities," takes viewers around the country and overseas. The documentary features 11 active- and reserve-component servicemembers who share experiences that shed light on opportunities available in the military.

"This film offers a glimpse into the lives of 11 extraordinary men and women who have achieved extraordinary success," Chu told a Pentagon audience at the film's first screening, Jan. 26.

The servicemembers featured, who represent all branches of the service, including the Coast Guard, showcase jobs many people don't associate with military service. The participants include a journalist, a motion picture liaison, a musician, an animal-care specialist and a language instructor.

Other participants help show the excitement of some military careers, including that of a combat helicopter pilot, a coxswain, a joint terminal attack controller and instructors who teach aviation parasitism and surfman skills.

Through their personal stories, the featured servicemembers share their satisfaction with military life and the doors it has opened in their careers.

"I just can't picture myself doing anything else," said Air Force Reserve Tech. Sgt. Andrew Canfield, a parasitism instructor for the Oregon Air National Guard, who describes the adrenaline rush of his job and the gratification of saving lives.

Marine Staff Sgt. Stephen Giove, a placement director and conductor for the Marine Corps



Among the 11 servicemembers featured in a new DoD documentary, "Today's Military: Extraordinary People; Extraordinary Opportunities," are (from left) Navy Reserve Lt. j.g. Fernando Rivero, Coast Guard Reserve Petty Officer 2nd Class Trish Carroll, Marine Capt. Vernice Armour, Air Force Master Sgt. John Holsonback and Marine Staff Sgt. Stephen Giove. The documentary features people in careers the public doesn't readily link to military service.

Music Program at Parris Island, S.C., explained that the music makes listeners stand a little taller and take pride in what they do. "It brings out the best in people," he said.

Army Cpl. Mary Simms, a broadcast journalist deployed to Afghanistan, said her job gives her the opportunity "to really get our there and work with people" and to experience firsthand the military's vast operations around the world.

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Frank Lofton, a joint terminal attack controller at Fort Irwin, Calif., told of the fulfillment of helping save the lives of Army Special Forces troops during an ambush in Afghanistan that left them outnumbered three-to-one.

Controllers direct the action of combat aircraft engaged in close-air support and other offensive air operations.

Joining the military was "the greatest decision I've ever made," said Navy Reserve Lt. j.g. Fernando Rivero, a Hollywood liaison

for the Navy. "Being in the military grounds me and gives a sense of contributing to something bigger than myself," he said.

"I can't think of anything else I could do that would make me as happy," Army Sgt. Chet Stugus said of his job as a medical animal-care specialist for military working dogs at Marine Corps Base Hawaii. "I'm doing a job I love."

Coast Guard Reserve Petty Officer 2nd Class Trish Carroll, a coxswain for the Department of Homeland Security, described the challenges she faces as one of the first female tactical law enforcement officers and the thrill she gets sharing stories about her job.

Air Force Master Sgt. John Holsonback, a Russian linguist instructor at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif., told about the gratification of helping provide a bridge between two cultures.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class

Marines on the ground and the thrill of knowing she's "making a difference."

Besides, Armour asks in the video, "Who wants to be average?"

Matt Boehmer, program manager for the Joint Advertising, Market Research and Studies program, called the documentary a powerful way to capture the spirit of the men and women in uniform. The finished project makes a strong statement in communicating the message that "today's military is an extraordinary place to be," he said.

DoD will use the new documentary to help educate "adult influencers" – parents, teachers, guidance counselors and coaches who play an important part in young people's career decisions – about opportunities in the military, Chu said at the premier screening.

"We have discovered in the Department of Defense that most Americans have limited understanding of the military, and also misconceptions," he said. Chu expressed hope that the film will help clear them up and set the record straight. "We want them to know about the opportunities in the military," he said.

DoD is planning a broad outreach effort to reach these adult influencers. "Today's Military" is slated to broadcast through April in syndication in many major markets throughout the country, including San Francisco, Atlanta and Washington.

One-minute "webisodes" of the film are posted online at www.todaysmilitary.com.

This month, DoD will mail 40,000 DVDs to guidance counselors who have requested more information for their students. In addition, a 13-minute version of the film will be shown in April during in-flight programming on domestic United Airlines flights.

The documentary is part of DoD's integrated "Get the Facts" communication plan designed to reach about 85 percent of U.S. households by April through a premiere event, online, television, airline and educator mailings, said Air Force Maj. Rene Stockwell, marketing communications chief for the JAMRS program.

The JAMRS staff began planning the documentary in October 2004 in partnership with Northern Light Productions and Mullen Advertising.

"Our DoD market research indicated that a personally relevant emotional appeal – In this case, "Today's Military" – was needed to encourage adult influencers to get the facts about the military as a strong career option for recruitment-aged youth," Boehmer said.

DoD received 2,600 nominations of servicemembers to feature in the film within two weeks of seeking participants last January. The 11 servicemembers profiled were selected based on their common drive to do something exceptional with their lives, Stockwell said.

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Soldier poet wins 'Stars of Tomorrow' contest

Spoken-word artist surprised singer didn't win, happy for opportunity to spread her word

By Tim Hipps

Army News Service

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — Sgt. Tarah Goodman of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., won best-of-show honors Jan. 21 in the Army's 2006 Margaret "Skippy" Lynn Stars of Tomorrow Talent Contest.

As the only spoken-word artist in the contest, Goodman said she stepped aside when the top three performers were being announced.

"I stood in the back because I just knew it was going to be a singer," she said. "I just knew."

Goodman's name, however, was the last one called, making her the grand-prize winner of \$5,000 for her installation's Morale, Welfare and Recreation program or Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program, a trophy and an Apple 60-gigabyte iPod.

The performers hailed from the Army's Festival of Performing Arts, Military Idol and regional Stars of Tomorrow competitions in the United States, Europe and Korea.

They competed in the categories of male and female vocals, vocal self-accompanied and specialty solo. They were judged on technical excellence, showmanship and treatment and interpretation of material.

A quartermaster Soldier from Philadelphia, Goodman wowed the audience and judges with three of her original poems about finding love, losing love and hoping to regain love.

"At the Stars of Tomorrow Contest, you can do whatever your talent is, so this was a chance for me to get my poetry out there," she said. "Some of us are not strong singers. I'm a poet. I write. I recite. I put on a show for you, but I never dreamed that it would be this big."

Stars of Tomorrow director Victor Hurtado said he wasn't surprised.

"Like the beatniks in the '60s who did poetry with bongos in the background, there's a resurgence of that with hip-hop beats and different music," he said. "She's a brilliant example of the resurgence of that artistic genre."

Because of commitments to her children and education, Goodman, 34, will not take advantage of securing a live audition for the 2006 U.S. Army Soldier Show, a perk that goes with being named the Army's Star of Tomorrow.

Best-of-show runner-up Spec. Serri Sheridan of Fort Polk, La., will be the beneficiary. He won the male vocal solo category with "Ordinary People" by John Legend.

"This gave him a second shot to really prove what he could do," Hurtado said of Sheridan, who



ANS/Hipps

Staff Sgt. Robin Farland of Fort Sam Houston, Texas, takes third place in the female vocal solo category of the U.S. Army's 2006 Margaret "Skippy" Lynn Stars of Tomorrow Talent Contest Jan. 21 at Fort Belvoir, Va., with "How Can an Angel Break My Heart" by Toni Braxton.

was eliminated during the second round of Fort Polk's 2005 Military Idol contest. He won \$3,000 for his installation's BOSS or MWR program, a trophy and a 30-gig iPod.

Pfc. Jong-Baek Yoon, a Korean augmentation to the U.S. Army, took second place in male vocal solo and third in best of show with "Forever More" by James Ingram.

KATUSA Soldiers are fully integrated into a U.S. unit. They

live, work and train with American comrades.

Yoon, 23, stationed at Yongsan, Korea, is the first KATUSA Soldier to win a regional spot in the Stars of Tomorrow competition.

"He has one of the most phenomenal vocal instruments I've ever heard, and he has just an amazing sincerity," Hurtado said.

"One of the judges thought that we had mistakenly put in a vocal recording of the song and was

wondering if we were going to stop and start him over, which I think is probably the greatest compliment of all because James Ingram is one of the most foremost voices of our time," he said.

After being awarded \$1,500 for Yongsan's BOSS or MWR program, a trophy and an iPod, Yoon said: "I really feel like I'm walking on heaven."

First Lt. Adia Green of Fort Stewart, Ga., won the female solo category with "Open My Heart" by Yolanda Adams. Capt. Adrienne McDonald of Fort Jackson, S.C., was second with "Get Here" by Oleta Adams.

Staff Sgt. Robin Farland of Fort Sam Houston, Texas, took third with "How Could an Angel Break My Heart" by Toni Braxton.

"I sing because it is very therapeutic for me," said Farland, an 18-year Army veteran and single mother of three daughters.

"I'm able to express myself with the gift of song to overcome some of the struggles and trials that I've gone through in my life," she said.

Sgt. Derrick Auten, a country-singing guitarist stationed at Camp Humphreys, Korea, was one of the crowd favorites. He had the audience rolling with laughter during his "pop-country" rendition of Brinney Spears' "Baby One More Time," followed by a rap medley.

"It's just something to give the audience a little bit of a change," he said.

"I started doing this about four years ago and it's what everybody wants to hear wherever I play. It's better to hear that than some old, sappy country song that you've heard a million times that makes you want to cry," he added.

These Soldiers made the audience stand and applaud. Brig. Gen. John A. Macdonald, commander of the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center, sat in the front row during the show and issued the awards.

"These Soldiers on stage really represent what Soldiers are all about," he told the audience.

"They're a little spunky. They're a little funky. They're a little fun. They're a little irreverent. They're a little loud. They're a little proud. They're a little excited about who they are."

"And boy, does that speak about the other 460,000 of them, some who are down range and not on this stage but on the world stage."

"You see them on CNN at night. They speak for you. These Soldiers are representative of America's Army," Macdonald said of Soldiers in general.

Tim Hipps writes for the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

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Community news briefly

Action council to meet Feb. 15

The next Community Action Council meeting will be 9:30 a.m. Feb. 15 at Riley's Conference Center. The council hears updates on post organization services and events.

The CAC meeting is televised on post cable channel 2 at 8:30 a.m. and 12:30, 6:30 and 10:30 p.m. for four days following the meeting.

Spouses offered scholarships

The National Military Family Association is accepting applications for its Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarships. Any uniformed service spouse – active duty, retired, National Guard, Reserve or survivor – studying toward professional certification or attending post-secondary or graduate school can apply.

Scholarships, normally in the amount of \$1,000, may be used for tuition, fees, books and school room and board. The number of scholarships awarded each year varies.

Applications can be found at <http://www.nmfa.org/scholarships2006>. Applications will only be accepted online and must be submitted by midnight April 15.

Parenting class date moved up

The beginning date for the next "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent" class has been moved from April 3 to Feb. 20. The classes will meet Feb. 20 and 27, March 6, 13 and 27 and April 3.

Classes meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 113 W. Fifth St., in Junction City.

Classes are free and free child care and transportation can be

provided.

For more information, call the Community Connections office at 717-4021 or send e-mail to JimWilliams@usd475.org.

Crafts center lists activities

Feb. 11 – 2 to 4 p.m., black and white photography class

Feb. 12 – 2 to 4 p.m., black and white photography class; 1 to 2:30 p.m., scrap booking get-together

Feb. 13 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., ceramics painting; 7 p.m., crochet, knitting and cross stitch class; 6 to 9 p.m., matting and framing

Feb. 14 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., wood class project

Feb. 15 – Noon to 1 p.m., Make it, Take it; 1 to 3 p.m., stained glass

Open hours for using the Arts and Crafts Center's wood shop, ceramics studio, matting and framing studio, computer lab, photography lab and doing stained glass, sewing, quilting, basket weaving and leatherwork are:

• Monday and Tuesday from 1 to 8:30 p.m.

• Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

• Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Classes are available in the evenings and on weekends in all program areas. A schedule of upcoming classes is available at the center and in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Guide. For more information, call the Arts and Crafts Center at 239-9205.

Instructor to talk on KSU program

Terrie R. McCants, a Kansas State University instructor, will conduct an information meeting on the KSU Graduate Certificate Program in Conflict Resolution at 2 p.m. Feb. 9 in the Fort Riley Education Center Conference

Room, Building 217 on Custer Avenue on Main Post.

The Certificate in Mediation offers students the fundamentals of mediation theory and practice. It is intended to meet the needs of those individuals who are seeking introductory graduate training in conflict resolution and advanced study of applications of family and workplace mediation.

The Certificate in Mediation consists of four courses that include mediation theory and practice skills.

For more information, call 239-6481

Art workshop planned

Child and Youth Services' instruction program in Building 6620 will offer an art workshop from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 20-24.

Children ages 6 and older are welcome.

Registration begins Feb. 15 in Building 6620. Cost for the week-long workshop and art supplies is \$35. Participants must bring a sack lunch.

For more information, call 239-4847.

Youth bowling workshop set

Child and Youth Services is planning a "Learn to Bowl Spring Break Workshop" from 9 a.m. to noon March 20-24 at Custer Hill Lanes.

Children ages 6-12 can participate. Registration opens Feb. 1 and the workshop fee is \$65.

For more information, call 239-4847.

Library features 'Books We Love'

Saturday story times are scheduled at the Post Library at 1:30 and 4 p.m.

The library will celebrate

"Books We Love" in February. Patrons are encouraged to come to the library and "nominate" their favorite children's or adult books. Their choices will be displayed through the month to share new favorites with other readers.

The library staff will also read their personal favorite picture books for Saturday story times in February.

"Books We Love" include the story of a pessimistic cow named "Misery Moo," a bear who discovers the magic of books in "A Story for Bear," a misunderstood pooch who writes home from obedience school in "Dear Mrs. LaRue," and the all-time favorite bear "Winnie the Pooh."

The Post Library is located in Building 5306 on Custer Hill. Operating hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

For more information, call 239-5305.

School Age Services listed

Feb. 4 – Free childcare 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Building 5810

Feb. 6 – Arts and Crafts Center, Building 6918, 1st and 2nd grades

Feb. 7 – Bowling Center, Building 7485, kindergarten

Feb. 8 – Bowling Center, Building 7485, kindergarten

Feb. 9 – Dental clinic guest speaker at School Age Services building

Feb. 10 – Junction City library, kindergarten

For more information, call 239-9220.

Teen Center lists events

Feb. 10 – 8 to 10:30 p.m., middle school dance

Feb. 11 – 4 to 6 p.m., new-comer's bowling

Feb. 11 – 9 to 11:30 p.m., high school dance

For more information, call

239-9222.

Support Center lists activities

Feb. 13 – 9 a.m. to noon, Spouses Activity Day for spouses of deployed and waiting spouses group, bake and take mini Valentine cakes. To register, call 239-9435.

Feb. 15 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Army Family Team Building classes: leadership skills and building a cohesive team

Feb. 15 – 9 to 11 a.m., Financial Management/Checkbook Maintenance Class

Feb. 15 – 9 a.m. to noon, Mid-Week Break for Spouse Activity Day

For more information, call the Soldier and Family Support Center at 239-9435.

Adults meet, talk about books

The adult "Book Talk" group meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the post library. The group is open to any adult who enjoys reading and would like to meet new people who share their interest.

For more information or to join the group, call 239-5305.

Military YMCA offers programs

The Armed Services YMCA in Junction City offers a wide variety of programs, including a Parents' Day Out from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Thursday and a gym program for home-schooled children from 2:15 to 3:45 p.m. every Thursday.

Its newest program, Parents Workout, runs from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, so parents have time to go to the gym.

It also offers the following Army Family Team Building classes:

Feb. 3 – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

introduction to financial readiness, basic problem solving and understanding organization of the total Army

Feb. 10 – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., networking with community agencies, building resource and personal library and Family Readiness Group

Any military family members interested in any of these programs should visit the ASYMCA at 111 E. 16th St. or call 238-2972.

Club Beyond posts activities

Sundays – 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., Sunday school, Main Post Chapel

Sundays – 6 to 7:30 p.m., Club Beyond (grades 9-12), basement of St. Mary's Chapel

Tuesdays – Bible Lunch

Tuesdays (BLT), grades 10-12. Free lunch and devotion. Pick up outside Junction City High School band room

Wednesdays – 6 to 7:30 p.m., Club Beyond JV (grades 6-8), Teen Center

For more information, call Jason Grogan at 210-6240 or e-mail Jason.Grogan@cox.net.

Rally Point sets entertainment

Feb. 15 – Wing Night, 20-cent wings and dance music 8 p.m. to close

Feb. 16 – Dance music 8 p.m. to close

Feb. 17 – Family Night from 5 to 8 p.m., and dance music from 8 p.m. to close

Wednesdays – Krazy Karaoke and 20-cent wing night 5 to 8 p.m.

Thursdays – Request night

Fridays – Family night with movie, dance and buffet from 5 to 8 p.m. and mixed dance night from 8 p.m. to close

Saturdays – Hip Hop from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. Sunday with DJ Monroe

For more information, call Rally Point at 784-5434.

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Community news briefly

College names top students

Barton County Community College named 189 students, including 19 from Fort Riley, to its Dean's List for Fall 2005.

Students at Fort Riley making the list were Audrey Buxton, Randall Cameron, Heather Delahoussaye, Kevin Donald, Maria Fisher, Brandi Frey, Carrie Gullledge-Ciofalo, Anne Hayse, Carmen Johnson, Cynthia Laird, Inessa McDonald, Shannon Morris, Connie Olson, Kandi Riley, Marcela Rocha, Saskia Schumann, Sherrie Tedford, Herkiman Wimhush and Joshua Young. Students must have been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours and have maintained a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.99 on a 4.0 or "A" letter scale to qualify for the Dean's List.

The college also named 118 students, including 22 from Fort Riley, to its President's List for the fall 2005 semester.

Fort Riley students making the list were Leanne Buckley, Ronita Carr, Michael Crage Jr., Karrie Denis, Dana Dolly, Amanda Garcia, Lauren Krebsbach, Kari Larson, Amanda Loesch, Doralee Martinez, Kristina Newhart, Amber Nickerson, Heather Olmstead, Tina Pinks, Cathryn Prusia, Glorianne Ruggiero, John Stephens, Patricia Thomson, Jaime Tobon, Jennifer Towne, Iva Weiche and Jennifer Westbrook.

A student must have been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours and maintained a grade point average of 4.0 on a 4.0 or "A" letter scale.

Quilt class planned

The Fort Riley Arts and Crafts Center has scheduled a quilting class for Feb. 25. Participants will learn to make a quilted table runner.

The class fee of \$20 covers supplies. Class will run from 9 a.m. until the project is completed — about five hours. Participants may leave early if they need to.

For more information, call 239-9205.

Spouses plan movie night

The Fort Riley Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club will host a club movie night beginning at 6 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Rally Point in Camp Forsyth area.

The movie will be "Grease," so members are encouraged to dress up as their favorite "Grease" characters. Dinner will be hamburgers and french fries.

RSVP to Holly Smith by Feb. 8 at 784-8454 or online at reservations@fortrileyoscc.com. For child care reservations, call Debra Parker at 784-2793 by Feb. 12.

Advice Line hours change

Irwin Army Community Hospital's Nurse Advice Line hours have changed. New hours are 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends and federal holidays.

For advice or health information, call 239-DOCS (3627) or (888) 239-DOCS (3627), and select Option 2.

Enlisted, officer divorce rates drop

By Donna Miles
AFPS

WASHINGTON — Soldiers and their spouses are flocking to new and beefed-up programs to help them strengthen their marriages, and a dip in divorce rates appears to show it's having a positive effect, Army officials told American Forces Press Service.

Divorce rates among Army officers dropped 61 percent last

year following a 2004 spike that sent shudders through the service. In 2004, 3,325 Army officers divorced, but that number dropped to 1,292 in 2005, Army officials said.

Divorces also were down slightly among enlisted members, from 7,152 in 2004 to 7,075 last year.

Army spokeswoman Martha Rudd said percentages tell the story more clearly, particularly in the officer corps. In 2004, 6 per-

cent of married officers divorced. In 2005, the figure dropped by more than half to 2.3 percent.

Army Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Pete Frederich, family ministries officer for the Army Chief of Chaplains, said there's no concrete explanation for why divorce rates climbed in 2004 or why they dropped last year.

"There are many, many anecdotal reasons," he said, noting that every marriage and every divorce is different. But most likely, the

stress of multiple deployments and an increased operational tempo throughout the Army played their part in the 2004 increase, Frederich acknowledged.

The divorces mounted at a time when re-enlistments surged in the Army, possibly an indication that while Soldiers are committed to military life, their spouses may not be, noted Chaplain (Col.) Glen Bloomstrom, director of ministry initiatives for the Army

Chief of Chaplains.

An informal survey conducted by the Army in February 2005 showed Soldiers and their spouses or significant others rated the loss of a relationship as their top deployment concern — above death or injury, Bloomstrom said.

Recognizing the stresses military life and multiple deployments put on couples, the Army and other services have stepped up

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Disaster drill



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Samantha Courts (right) holds two walls while her partner, Sarah Werling, pins the walls together. They were building a house that was supposed to withstand strong winds as part of a workshop at Kansas State University Jan. 28.

Students learn catastrophe prevention

By Anna Morelock
Staff writer

Samantha Courts built a house and then watched it get blown away.

Tegyn Perkins examined mold from the wall of a "flooded house."

The girls then discussed what could be done to prevent such natural disasters.

The disaster scenarios were part of a day-long workshop the two Fort Riley Middle School girls attended at Kansas State University Jan. 28. The workshop, "Engineers and Scientists to the Rescue" was hosted by Girls Researching Our

World, a program to introduce girls to math, science and engineering.

The workshop was specially designed to test a theory, said Susan Arnold Christian, outreach program coordinator.

The theory, Arnold Christian said, is that girls don't see how science and engineering directly help people's lives. This program is designed to show them very obviously how it helps people.

"Pretend like you're engineers and scientists today," Arnold Christian told the group of about 75 girls at the opening session. The girls then went to

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Post/Morelock

Tegyn Perkins looks at a sample of mold through a microscope. The mold was an example of what can grow on the walls of a flooded house.

DoD plans boost in care

New facilities part of child care initiative

By Gerry J. Gilmore
AFPS

Fort Riley will benefit from a Defense Department multifaceted approach to boost the availability of child care services for military families.

"We project the (child care) needs as greater than what we're offering at this point," Jan Witte, director of DoD's Office of Children and Youth, told American Forces Press Service and the Pentagon Channel Jan. 25.

The ongoing realignment of U.S. forces from longstanding overseas bases in Europe and elsewhere to stateside installations and high operational tempos caused by the war against terrorism are placing demands on the military child care system, Witte said. Consequently, DoD wants to jump-start its military child care programs to provide more spaces for the children of active-duty and reserve-component servicemembers.

"Currently, we're using a multipronged approach" to increase military child care capacity, Witte said, noting DoD will continue to build on-post facilities.

"We're also doing some contracting with civilian centers off the installations" to address lengthy waiting lists at some military bases, she said. "They're just starting with those, and we're really hopeful that this will really be a way to get some spaces quickly," she said.

DoD also has provided funds to the services to obtain modular buildings to help meet immediate child care needs. Witte estimated that more than 4,000 new child care spaces will be created through new construction and the use of modular buildings.

Fort Riley will get two of the modular buildings, said Carole

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Marriage and Military Life

Pregnancy, parenthood affect military retention

By Gene-Thomas Gomulka
Retired Navy chaplain

The number of enlisted personnel leaving the military each year has increased from 8.7 percent in 2002 to 10.5 percent in 2005, according to statistics the Associated Press obtained under the Freedom of Information Act.

These statistics are based on the fact that enlisted losses, including people whose enlistments had expired, increased from 118,206 in 2002 to more than 137,465 in 2005. During that same period, officer losses increased from 5,619 to more than 7,500.

While the reasons for leaving vary in each branch of the military, some of the more common

reasons include pregnancy and parenthood, drug abuse and weight problems. Pregnancy and parenthood have steadily increased as a reason for personnel losses, particularly in the Army. For example, last year 4,238 Soldiers were discharged from the Army for pregnancy and parenthood, up from 2,862 in

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three "Rescue Groups" during the day to participate in different hands-on natural disaster activities.

Perkins, a sixth-grader, started off her day with "The Mold That Grows."

Two KSU students showed the girls model walls that were submerged in water and now covered with mold. The walls, which had fuzzy black, green and yellowish splotches of the fungi growing on them, weren't anything compared to what was seen in houses after hurricane Katrina, said the two KSU students.

Perkins, armed with a piece of clear tape, dabbed at one of the walls to lift a sample of the fungi. The tape was then transferred to a slide to examine under a microscope.

"It looks like seeds," Perkins said when the girls were asked what they saw.

The "seeds," which looked like tiny green sesame seeds, were actually mold spores.

At the end of the session, the girls thought that finding and developing different building materials might be an answer to the moldy problem.

Perkins said she thought the mold session was kind of gross,



Samantha Courts (right) holds hands with a partner. The instructors then had the girls lean backwards to demonstrate the tension that buildings experience in wind.

but said science is her second favorite subject after social studies.

"Science is right up there," said Perkins, added that she would like to work at NASA when she grows up. "You get to learn about a lot of different subjects and mix things."

After the session on mold, Perkins went to "Networking," where the girls learned about routing information on computers and

how they could reroute it if certain systems were down because of a natural disaster. After that, she attended the "State Fair," where the groups provided information to the fair board of directors regarding an avian flu outbreak.

While Perkins was busy exam-

ining moldy walls, Courts attended the "Networking" session and then headed to "Don't Get Blown to Oz," where her group learned about structural engineering.

In "Oz," Courts and another member of her group constructed a house of foam board from plans drawn up by KSU engineering students.

The girls learned that buildings in Kansas need to be able to withstand up to 250 mph winds.

Courts helped pin and tape together her group's house and then predicted what would happen when the house was hit by strong winds simulated by a fan.

The fan was turned on, and the house slid off its "foundation" and across the table. On the other side of the room, a roof was blown off. Next to that, a skyscraper tumbled over, and the roof of a garage was blown off because the wind couldn't escape the building.

After seeing the disaster's caused by the fans, the groups went back to work fixing their creations.

Courts and her teammate added tape to their foundation and reinforced the walls and roof to avoid

further destruction to their house. When the next "wind storm" hit, their house stayed right where it was supposed to.

Courts said she had fun with the session and that math and science are her favorite subjects in school.

"Engineering sounds exciting," Courts said, but she has also contemplated being a doctor, missionary or teacher when she grows up.

"I want to do something that helps people and the world," she said.

Courts ended her day with "The Mold That Grows." After the Rescue Groups, all of the girls met up in the engineering auditorium to discuss what they learned and to share their ideas with the whole group.

Each group was led throughout the day by a female engineering student. The girls got chances to ask questions and find out about classes to prepare for a future in science and engineering.

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Workshops

What: EXCITE! Shadow Day. Girls in grades nine, 10 and 11 are invited to shadow a K-State female science or engineering student for the day. Participants will attend class, lunch and campus activities with their escort.

When: Feb. 23, 2006

What: GROW Saturday Event. How do science, technology, mathematics and engineering connect with music and art? Girls in sixth, seventh and eighth grades are invited to attend this event to discover the connection.

When: March 11, 2006

What: GROW Summer Workshop

When: June 21-23, 2006

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their efforts to help military families strengthen their relationships and avoid the divorce courts.

The programs recognize the fact that strong, happy families are more likely to stay in the military and that troops distracted by relationship problems are less likely to be able to focus on their mission, officials said.

In response, a full range of programs – from support groups for spouses of deployed troops to weekend retreats for military couples – aims to help military families endure the hardships that military life often imposes. These programs are offered through the services' family support, chaplain and mental health counseling networks. For example, the Army's offerings include:

- The Deployment Cycle Support Program, which includes briefings for Soldiers on how their absence and return may affect their family relationships and how they can cope with the inevitable changes;

- A family support group system that provides practical and emotional support for spouses of deployed Soldiers;

- The Military OneSource program, which serves as a clearinghouse to steer Soldiers and families to resources to support them;

- The Building Strong and Ready Families program, a two-day program that helps couples develop better communication skills, reinforced by a

weekend retreat;

- The Strong Bonds marriage education program, which focuses specifically on issues that affect Reserve and National Guard couples; and

- The P.I.C.K. a Partner program (Premarital Interpersonal Choices and Knowledge), which helps single Soldiers make wise decisions when they choose mates.

Soldiers and their families are tapping into these offerings. During 2006 alone, 10,000 Soldiers are projected to attend the Building Strong and Ready Families and P.I.C.K. a Partner programs, Bloomstrom said.

It's a number he said the Army would like to see increase even more, particularly because 54 percent of Soldiers are married.

Battle Mind, an Army program to help troops adjust to peacetime after returning from a combat deployment, also is incorporating relationship issues into the curriculum, Bloomstrom said. During the program, a mental health professional or chaplain meets with small groups of Soldiers to talk about the importance of relationships in dealing with combat stress, he said.

The programs' contribution can't be measured simply by monitoring divorce rates, Fredrich said.

The real success story is not so much told in numbers as in Private and Mrs. Jones who love each other (and) will be there for each other," he said.

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Hoffman, director of Child and Youth Services on post.

Contractors already are doing the ground work to set up the buildings once they arrive, she said.

They will be placed next to Building 6620 on Custer Hill, across Normandy Drive from Custer Elementary School and be supervised by Merriel Stebbins.

Completion date is anticipated to be the end of May or beginning of June, she said.

The number of children the buildings can handle depends on

the ages of the children, Hoffman said. Children age 6 weeks to 5 years old will be accepted in the modular buildings. Each building is rated at 100 maximum child spaces, she said.

Actual numbers would probably be closer to about 60 per building, said Larry McGee, director of public works.

DoD now spends about \$434 million on military child care each year, Witte said. More than \$60 million in supplemental funding has been employed in the past

three years to extend the hours of

child care services, including weekend and evening care, and to run summer camps for military children with one or both parents deployed overseas.

Witte said another \$90 million in funding is earmarked to build new child care centers.

Efforts are ongoing to address an estimated shortage of about 27,000 military child care spaces remaining after the 4,000 new spaces are factored in.

The focus, she said, is to increase child care services at installations experiencing high

deployment rates, at bases gaining troops through overseas redeployments or at installations affected by long child care waiting lists.

"Child care across the nation is at a premium," Witte acknowledged. "Finding those spaces at the right places is a challenge" for military and civilian families.

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2002.

Before U.S. involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan, the major reasons first-term personnel gave for leaving the military were

basic pay (45 percent), amount of personal and family time (17 percent), quality of leadership (17 percent), job satisfaction (15 percent) and deployments (10 percent), according to a 2001 report issued by the U.S. Government Accountability Office.

While the prospect of deploying or redeploying to Iraq and Afghanistan may be a major reason for not re-enlisting or for leaving before completing one's enlistment, there are steps that can be taken to discourage people from abusing drugs, getting pregnant or putting on weight simply to be discharged.

Even though the military has a zero tolerance for drug abuse, commanders may need to be granted a certain leeway in

retaining personnel whom they feel may have used drugs simply to avoid deploying. One can learn a lesson in this regard from the Navy that had a problem with women who were getting pregnant on ships simply to get out of being deployed.

When the Navy discovered that a number of women were having abortions following their return to their homeports, they instituted a policy wherein women would be seen by medical personnel regularly following their return and would be required to return to their ships if they were no longer pregnant. Such a policy change helped to reduce the number of women who were getting pregnant simply to avoid deployments.

While personnel should not be allowed to use pregnancy, drug use or weight gain to avoid deploying, the various branches of the military could learn lessons from each other as to

how to handle some of these problems in an effective manner.

For example, in an effort to reduce the number of personnel being separated for weight problems, one branch might learn why its mandatory exercise program is not too effective by consulting another branch that has implemented an exercise program in conjunction with a diet program. How much weight can a Sailor lose if he or she exercises for an hour every morning but then eats a high calorie and high carb diet throughout the day?

The more the military can do to promote retention and reduce the number of personnel who are leaving, the less pressure recruiters will have to fill quotas that are tied to retention figures.

Just as recruiters need to address and respond to the reasons people have for joining the military – pay, benefits, education, training and travel, for example – so, too, do military

leaders need to look critically at the real reasons people have for leaving.

While not everyone is cut out to make the military a career and some people indeed need to be separated because of drug abuse, pregnancy and parenthood or weight problems, others who sign an active duty or reserve contract should be held accountable to fulfill their commitment and not be allowed to escape their obligations under false pretenses.

It often requires a wise commander with the help of an experienced and knowledgeable staff to distinguish between the two.

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Leisure time ideas

At the movies:

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 11 and under. Children under the age of 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

Feb. 3 - King Kong (PG-13) 188 min

Feb. 4 - Cheaper by the Dozen 2 (PG) 94 min

Feb. 5 - Rumor Has It (PG-13) 97 min

Feb. 9 - King Kong (PG-13) 188 min

For more information, call 784-2226 or 784-2640.

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Lawrence:

What: Soweto Gospel Choir. A vocal ensemble that performs tribal, traditional and popular African gospel in eight different languages. The performance features traditional African dancers and drummers in a vibrant, four-piece band.

When: 7:30 p.m., Feb. 15

Where: The Lied Center, 1600 Stewart Dr.

Cost: \$28 and \$23 for public, \$14 and \$11.50 for children to age 18, \$27 and \$22 for senior citizens 62 and older

Tickets: Call (785) 864-2787, (785) 864-3982, (785) 864-SHOW or any Ticketmaster outlet; go online to TICKETS.COM and TicketMaster.com.

Topeka

What: Recreational Vehicle show

When: Noon to 9 p.m. Feb. 3-4

Where: Kansas ExpoCentre, One ExpoCentre Dr.

Cost to last year's show: Adult \$6, children 5-12 \$3, under 5 free

Tickets: (785) 234-4545 or (785) 297-1000

What: Boat and outdoor show

When: 1 to 9 p.m. Feb. 10 and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Feb. 11

Where: Kansas ExpoCentre, One ExpoCentre Dr.

Cost to last year's show: Adults \$6.25, children 6-12 \$4.25

Tickets: (785) 234-4545 or (785) 297-1000

Manhattan:

What: 1% of Art - A Random Sample from the Permanent Collection. This interesting exhibition is comprised of 55 pieces from the 5,500 works of art in the Beach Museum of Art's permanent collection.

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday through April 9

Where: 701 Beach Lane. Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art

Phone: (785) 532-7718

Web site: www.k-state.edu/bma

Admission: Free

Cottonwood Falls:

What: Music at the Emma. Weekly acoustic jam sessions playing country, gospel, bluegrass, and rock and roll. Musicians and audience welcome.

When: 7:30 p.m. Fridays only, year-round

Where: 317 Broadway, Emma Chase Café

Phone: (620) 273-6020

Admission: Free

Hilarious romp

Steve Martin adaptation at McCain reminiscent of SNL days

Kansas State University

Opening the Kansas State University Theatre spring season will be, "The Underpants," a Steve Martin adaptation of a German comedy by Carl Sternheim. It will be performed in Nichols Theatre Feb. 2 to 4 and Feb. 8 to 11 at 8 p.m.

"The Underpants," set in 1910, is about a pretty, young housewife, Louise, who becomes something of a celebrity when her frilly "panties" accidentally fall down to her ankles at a public gathering.

Her husband, enraged by this social disgrace, seems totally unaware of the real reasons there are suddenly so many men looking to rent the room they have to let in their small apartment. Louise, however, is enjoying the unexpected attention.

This hilarious and bawdy romp is reminiscent of Martin's early days as the "wild and crazy" guy on Saturday Night Live.

Although the original play's themes touched upon feminism, anti-Semitism and class distinction, Martin's adaptation focuses on momentary fame in a notoriety-obsessed society.

The play will be directed by guest artist, Dan Shea, who is a Kansas State University alum and a native of Wamego, Kan. The sets and costumes will be designed by Kathy Voelke, assistant professor of theatre and Mary Johnston, graduate assistant, respectively. Lighting design is by John Uthoff, associate professor of theatre.

The play is sponsored by Patricia's Undercover and Pizza Hut of Manhattan and is not recommended for children.

Regular ticket prices for the production range from \$7.50 to \$11.50.

Military and their family members can purchase discounted tickets for \$9.50 with a military ID.

Tickets may be purchased by visiting or calling the McCain Box Office from noon to 5 p.m. at (785) 532-6428 or online at www.ksu.edu/setd.

Group rates are available by contacting Marci Maullar at (785) 532-6878 or at marcima@ksu.edu.



Publicity photo

Michael Wieser as Frank Versati and Becky Morphis as Louise perform in "The Underpants," a Steve Martin adaptation of a German comedy by Carl Sternheim. The play focuses on Louise, who becomes a local celebrity when her "panties" fall down around her ankles during a public gathering.

Beach Museum offers black artists' exhibit

Works present 'Something to Look Forward To'

By Beth Hesterman

Kansas State University

MANHATTAN, Kan. — An aging body does not put a cap on creativity, as Kansas State University's Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art is about to show with the work of selected black artists.

The museum will present "Something to Look Forward To: Featuring Abstract Art by 22 Distinguished Americans of African Descent."

It is an exhibition providing a glimpse into the bodies of work of mature abstract artists and will be on display Feb. 5 to April 2.

"Something to Look Forward To" pays homage to the talent, vision and persistence of particular black artists who have created dynamic abstract images and objects during extended and successful careers.

A Pennsylvania museum invited 22 celebrated African-American artists 60 years old and older to take part in the traveling exhibition by showing two works, created six years to nine years apart.

The submissions cover several forms of abstract art, including painting, sculpture, furniture and multimedia.

"Needless to say, there is a grand tradition at work in this show that needs to be explored, nourished, cherished and supported," said art critic Franklin Sirmans, who has contributed an essay to the show's catalogue.

"Through the artists and the artworks in 'Something to Look Forward To,' we are offered, first and foremost, the opportunity to see great art by great artists, but secondarily to make consideration of abstract art that, while not totally original, is glorious."

"Bringing together these artists, who all happen to be black, we can see that there is a black aesthetic to abstract art."

Bill Hutson, who curated the exhibition, said it also is a tribute to older artists.

"Like aging athletes, older contemporary artists are expected to throw in the towel," he said. "As we advance into a new millennium, more individuals are living longer, staying active and enjoy-

ing a better quality of life than human beings realized during previous centuries."

"To honor the endurance of mature artists, the building blocks used in the architecture of this exhibition include style, identity and age."

The traveling exhibition was organized by the Phillips Museum of Art at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa.

It is sponsored in part by several K-State groups, including the Kansas State University Foundation and the offices of the provost, vice president for institutional advancement and diversity and dual career development.

Other sponsors include the Kansas Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The museum, on the southeast corner of K-State's campus at 14th Street and Anderson Avenue, is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Admission is free and complimentary visitor parking is available adjacent to the museum.

Benefit books jazz group

Pete Eye Trio to perform for Dickinson fundraiser

Special to the Post

ABILENE, Kan. — The Pete Eye Jazz Trio will perform as part of the Arts Council of Dickinson County Winter Concert Series at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4 at the Abilene Country Club.

In conjunction with the concert, the council's annual fundraising auction will earn financial support for its youth and education programs.

The fundraiser includes a live and silent auction beginning at 6:30 p.m. the same evening.

A buffet, including roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable and pie, will be served by the country club for an additional cost.

Items to be auctioned off include tickets for Lebold Mansion tours, two different dinner parties for eight, original artwork by local artists, including ceramics and prints, home décor items, jewelry, a package for outdoor friends, a party package and a variety of other items.

Tickets for the concert are \$10. They are available in Abilene at Bankes Drug Store, the Reflector-Chronicle, Mr. K's Farnhouse restaurant, the Abilene Public Library or Daylight Donuts.

They also are available at the House of Sight and Sound in Salina.

For persons unable to attend the concert, but who would like to purchase auction items, bid sheets can be downloaded and printed at www.artsouncildk.org or are available in Abilene at Bankes Drug Store, the Reflector-Chronicle, Mr. K's Farnhouse restaurant, the Abilene Public Library or Daylight Donuts.

City Founder's Day will highlight connection to fort

The 6th annual Founder's Day event marking the anniversary of the incorporation of Junction City by the Kansas Territorial Legislature in February 1859 is planned for 6 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Municipal Auditorium in Junction City.

The theme for this year's event is "Junction City: Fort Riley's Hometown."

The theme was chosen to recognize the major expansion of Fort Riley and the close relationship that has existed between the post and the Junction City community from the beginning.

Guests will learn about some of the area's most famous early residents when Marla Matkin, in the persona of "Libbie Custer," shares her experiences as the wife of the ill-fated commander at the battle of the Little Bighorn, Gen. George Armstrong Custer.

The "New Old-Timers," a quartet of talented Kansas musicians, will take the stage to perform music that was commonly heard in Junction City and Fort Riley during those

beginning years.

Joined this time by Matkin as the dance preceptor, the group will provide the necessary ingredients for an old-fashioned Founder's Day Ball.

Guests will have the chance to learn and join in such old-time favorites as the Grand March, the Virginia Reel, the Jenny Lind Polka and the Spanish Waltz.

Three watercolor paintings by popular local artist Cora DuChene will be sold during a mini art auction.

DuChene created renderings of Junction City monuments that reflect the community's ties to Fort Riley through the years.

Tickets for the event are \$25 per person and can be purchased at the Junction City Municipal Building Customer Service Center, the Geary County Historical Museum or from GCHS board members or the city manager.

The event is sponsored by the Geary County Historical Society and Junction City.





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Leisure time ideas

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Leavenworth:

What: Hidden art locked away. Annual market and sale of yard art, herb plants and garden-related items on the grounds of the Carroll Mansion.

When: 4 to 8 p.m. preview Feb. 3, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 4 and 1 to 5 p.m. Feb. 5

Where: 123 S. Esplanade, Riverfront Community Center
Phone: (913) 682-4459 or (800) 844-4114

Web site: <http://www.lvarea.com/cvb>
Admission: Free

Overland Park:

What: The Kingston Trio. Using only acoustic guitars and banjos, singing simple yet memorable melodies, the Kingston Trio revolutionized popular music, reawakening America to its own rich folk-music heritage. The release of "Tom Dooley" in October of 1958 began the "folk music revival" and set the stage for Bob Dylan, Joan Baez, and Peter, Paul & Mary and the entire folk music movement of the 60's.

Between the years of 1957-1967, the trio created a musical legacy that no other folk group has equaled or surpassed. energized and begging for more.

When: 8 p.m. Feb. 11
Where: 12345 College Blvd., Carlsen Center of Johnson County Community College
Phone: (913) 469-4445
Web site: <http://web.jccc.net/>

carlsencenter/
Admission: \$35-\$25

What: Sweet Honey in the Rock. The Grammy-winning a cappella women's vocal group Sweet Honey in the Rock (named for an old gospel song) creates music from the rich textures of African American legacy and traditions.

The sextet's repertoire ranges from spirituals to protest tunes to Caribbean rhythms, from blues to rap to traditional West African numbers.

When: 7 p.m. Feb. 12
Where: 12345 College Blvd., Carlsen Center of Johnson County Community College
Phone: (913) 469-4445

Web site: <http://web.jccc.net/>
carlsencenter/
Admission: \$35-\$25

Lawrence:

What: Turtle Island String

Quartet. Long before crossover became fashionable, Turtle Island String Quartet was immersed in assimilating classical string tradition with the diverse influences of jazz, folk, and other so-called American music.

A concert highlighting the legacy of jazz legend John Coltrane.

When: 7:30 p.m. Feb. 10
Where: 1600 Stewart, Lied Center

Phone: (785) 864-2787
Web site: <http://www.lied.ku.edu>
Admission: Varies by seating choice

What: Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet presents "The Magic Flute." A vivid, boldly original production that features the sublime music of Mozart and the inventive choreography of Mark Godden.

With heroes, villains, damsels

in distress, captivating comic sidekicks, and a flute with magical powers, "The Magic Flute" blends romance, enchantment, fantasy and an extraordinary journey from darkness into light in a contemporary showcase for the exquisite dancers of Canada's premier ballet company.

When: 7:30 p.m. Feb. 17
Where: 1600 Stewart, Lied Center

Phone: (785) 864-2787
Web site: <http://www.lied.ku.edu>
Admission: Varies by seating choice

Salina:

What: "Crossing Over" exhibit. Nine contemporary artists use ceramic sculpture to cross boundaries between art, science, and technology.

When: Noon to 5 p.m. Feb. 15-18 and 1 to 5 p.m. Feb. 19

Where: 242 S. Santa Fe, Salina Art Center
Phone: (785) 827-1431
Web site: <http://www.salinaartcenter.org>

Admission: Free

Wichita:

What: Wichita Grand Opera presents "Die Zauberflöte-The Magic Flute." Music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791). Libretto in German by Emanuel Schikaneder. A lyric drama with mystic overtones and comedy in two acts. Set in and near the temple of Isis at Memphis at the time of Ramesses I.

When: 7:30 p.m. Feb. 11
Where: 225 W. Douglas, Century II

Phone: (316) 683-3444
Web site: <http://www.wichita-grandopera.org>
Admission: \$30-\$80

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Army helps scientists unravel Mozart mystery

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WASHINGTON — U.S. military DNA researchers have been involved in a 200-year-old mystery about the identity of a skull long-suspected to be that of classical music composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

"Past tests were inconclusive; but this time, we succeeded in getting a clear result," said lead researcher Dr. Walther Parson, a renowned forensic pathologist at the Institute of Legal Medicine, Innsbruck Medical University, Austria.

He said the results were "100 percent verified" by a U.S. Army laboratory.

Department of Defense scientists at the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory, a division of the Office of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, in Rockville, Md., were presented with a small tooth from the skull to be analyzed and compared with DNA samples taken from three skeletons exhumed from the Mozart family grave at San Sebastian Cemetery, Salzburg, Austria.

"When the Austrians determined they needed a lab to corroborate this very important historic case, they contacted me in early 2005 and requested that we do so," said Dr. Thomas J. Parsons, Mozart skull project leader

at AFIP. "There were three scientists involved in the testing: myself, Dr. Odile Loreille and Army Col. Brion Smith."

However, after several months of testing, the true identity of the skull remains inconclusive to be that of the world-renowned 18th century classical musical composer.

Mozart buried in poverty

Mozart was an unsalaried deputy kapellmeister (orchestra and choir master) of St. Stephen's in Vienna when he died Dec. 5, 1791, in his Vienna apartment. Most historians believe the 35-year-old composer died of a fever.

He was buried in a pauper's grave at Vienna's St. Mark's Cemetery on Dec. 6, 1791.

In 1801, the St. Mark's Cemetery Trust had the third-class plot in which Mozart — and 15 to 20 others were buried — reinterred, with a small tooth from the skull to be analyzed and compared with DNA samples taken from three skeletons exhumed from the Mozart family grave at San Sebastian Cemetery, Salzburg, Austria.

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Where indignity began ...

Mozart's grave was reopened by Joseph Rothmayer, the same grave digger who had buried him a decade earlier.

Rothmayer knew before the burial in 1791 what Mozart's ultimate fate would be, so he had tied wire around Mozart's neck to enable him to distinguish the remains from the others.

When 10 years had passed, Rothmayer knew the exact location of the body, sought it out and saved the skull from the bone crusher.

The skull of Mozart would meet the same fate of his music peers — Beethoven, Liszt, Schubert and Haydn: Their skulls also were exhumed by students of phrenology and displayed by collectors.

Legend begins

The first century of the skull's above-ground journey would end with a private donation in 1902 to the International Mozarteum Foundation in Salzburg. It remained there on public display until 1955.

It since has been subjected to several forensic tests by researchers, doctors and historians from around the world. Until now, the findings have

not been compelling enough for the Mozarteum to accept them — one way or the other — as the definitive truth as to the true identity of the skull.

Initial DNA tests on the skull were conducted in 2005 by experts at the Institute for Forensic Medicine in Innsbruck, Austria.

Herbert Ullrich, a forensic pathologist who has studied the skeletons of famous Germans and Austrians, said he was convinced the Mozart skull was of someone other than Mozart.

"I examined a cast of the skull in 1999," Ullrich said. "All the characteristics of the skull suggested it belonged to a woman."

"Our results definitively refute that the skull is female," Parsons said. "The skull is of a male. It was the powder located in the center of the tooth that provided the genetic material."

"As forensic scientists, the only optimism you're going to have is that you'll find out the actual answer, no matter what that answer is," Parsons said. "The biggest concern we had was that the DNA typing was done correctly."

Gerhard Reiter, the archaeologist in charge of the exhumation of the Mozart family vault at the Salzburg Sebastian Cemetery in 2004, said he hoped to solve the dispute by retrieving DNA from Mozart's relatives and matching it with reproducible DNA data from

the skull.

Genetic material samplings from one of the skull's teeth was analyzed and compared to DNA samples gathered from the thigh bones believed to be that of Mozart's maternal grandmother and niece, Jeanette.

The relevant DNA was passed down the female line — in this case, via Mozart's sister, Nannerl.

"When we engage in these collaborative exercises on particularly difficult materials, it further validates the work we do every day for the missing Soldiers from the Korean and Vietnam era and beyond," Parsons said.

"With that in mind, we got wonderful results from all the DNA samples that we typed, from the reference samples from the family grave to the putative tooth from the skull."

"Both our lab and the Austrian lab achieved exactly the same results; and in some cases, we recovered a remarkable amount of information, especially from the tooth."

Mystery continues

"I am quite disappointed that the mystery continues," Parsons said. "All the samples from the three who were believed to be relatives of Mozart all had different mitochondrial DNA from each other and from the Mozart skull. So, if any one of them is an actual maternal relative of Mozart, it means that the skull is not Mozart's. We don't know if that is the case, so the final analysis is inconclusive."

"We have attained definitive results from the skull," Parsons said. "In the future, if anyone comes forward with an authentic matrilineal relative or a paternal relative, we now have 'y' chromosomal data and we will be in a position to make a confirmation."

"It's considered to be known where Mozart's sister, Nannerl, is buried, but I don't know if there are any plans in Austria to act on that information and work another archeological exhumation," he said.

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